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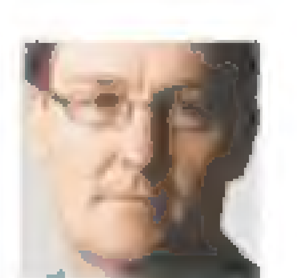
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NATURE'S NIGHT LIGHTS

The northern lights dance in the sky above the old Alberta Pacific grain elevator in Dorothy, about 120 kilometres east of Calgary, earlier this week.

GREENWASHING BILL AND LNG EXPANSION ON OILPATCH'S RADAR

Industry leaders, investors are 'concerned' about federal energy policy, bullish on gas



CHRIS VARCOE

New federal legislation aimed at greenwashing, Bill C-59, is on the minds of Canada's oil and gas industry heading into the fall.

So is the startup of the LNG Canada project, and its partners potentially moving forward with a second phase. The new development on the Pacific coast is preparing for commercial operations next year.

A survey of oil and gas executives, oilfield service companies and industry investors highlights the sector's opportunities for growth — and concerns about federal policies such as Bill C-59 and its effect on deterring discussion about decarbonization initiatives.

"We're deeply concerned about Bill C-59 and its impacts, particularly on civil liberties and environmental transparency," Alberta Energy Minister Brian Jean said Thursday.

"It's counterproductive ... They should scrap the bill."

Bill C-59, passed earlier this summer, includes changes that require companies to be able to back up environmental claims and it potentially imposes large penalties for infractions.

The Alberta government has maintained that it's really intended to prevent the industry from defending itself and discussing its actions to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

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Can the Green Line still be salvaged?

SCOTT STRASSER

Is the Green Line dead?

It certainly appears to be, after city council's decision Tuesday to pull the plug on the multibillion-dollar transit project.

But provincial officials — and a few councillors — believe otherwise. On Wednesday, Premier Danielle Smith said the province is commissioning consultant AECOM to study an alternative alignment for the proposed CTrain line, and will bring the findings of that report to the city in December.

While Smith said the province has no intention of taking over management of the Green Line, Mayor Jyoti Gondek insists that whatever the Alberta government brings back will not be a city-owned, or operated, transit initiative.

Gondek also said the province's version will require the approval of the federal government, whose $1.53-billion funding share for the Green Line was predicated on the city's original plan.

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The Wales Theatre, which opened in High River in 1927, is up for sale for close to $1.1 million. VANESSA HERNANDEZ-MUNOZ/REALTOR.CA

'Can't imagine High River without it'

Town's historic movie theatre up for sale after current owners decide to move on

STEPHEN TIPPER

High River residents are anxiously waiting to find out who will buy the southern Alberta town's historic movie theatre.

The Wales Theatre, originally called the Highwood Theatre when it opened in 1927, is up for sale for close to $1.1 million.

The Kidwai family have owned and run the theatre since 2000, but it's "just time to pass the torch," said Joshua Torrence, an associate broker at Century 21 Foothills Real Estate in High River, about 50 kilometres south of Calgary.

Local residents expressed sadness to hear that the owners, who Torrence said have become a "staple in the community," were moving on.

"They're nervous that it's the end of an era," said Torrence, a High River resident who has been watching movies in the theatre for years.

"But the good news is that the people that are after it want to continue the tradition, want to run it as a theatre."

And the family wants to find a buyer who will keep the theatre running for years to come, he said.

There's been plenty of interest in the property, which also includes commercial space currently leased to a Domino's Pizza and a two-bedroom residential suite above the restaurant. The theatre business is included in the property sale.

"This opportunity doesn't come up a whole bunch," Torrence said.

When it opened, the downtown theatre had seating for about 400 on the main floor and balcony, and was equipped with the latest motion-picture equipment, said Torrence.

The current owners restored the theatre — which now comfortably seats around 250 people — when they bought it, but it was important for them to retain its art deco charm, he said.

After the 2013 flood, the theatre again had to be restored.

The Wales Theatre's walls are covered in history, said Torrence.

Legendary actor and director Clint Eastwood watched footage on the theatre's screen while filming of the western Unforgiven was taking place in the area in 1991.

The Highwood Theatre became the Wales Theatre in 1935 after a contest was held to rename it. A boy, Fred Orton, won the $6 prize for suggesting the Wales Theatre, in honour of Edward, Prince of Wales. Edward, who became the king of England in 1936 before abdicating the throne later that year so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson, had a ranch in the High River area.

Edward, who became the Duke of Windsor after giving up the throne, and Simpson, the Duchess of Windsor, visited the ranch in 1941. During that visit, they saw 1941's biographical film Sergeant York, starring Gary Cooper, at the Wales Theatre.

"That piece is on the wall, with the duke and the duchess here, and a signed picture of Clint Eastwood saying thank you for the use of your theatre," said Torrence.

According to the Museum of the Highwood Facebook page, the Highwood Theatre was built by Claresholm farmer Hans Petter Johnson and his wife's uncle, John Edlund, a photographer and inventor who was also from Claresholm, about 120 km south of Calgary.

The theatre was originally built to accommodate both live theatre and movies, according to the Wales Theatre website. Upholstered chesterfield chairs imported from England, chromium and plate glass tiles in the foyer, an ornate ceiling, air conditioning and hardwood floors "made the theatre one of the most luxurious and best equipped in the province at the time," it says.

Irene Kerr, the Museum of the Highwood's director and curator, said everyone who's grown up in High River — including her own kids — has memories of going to watch movies at the Wales.

"I can't imagine High River without it. It wouldn't be the same," said Kerr.

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Innovations 'enhance' seniors' residences

With Canada's population of older adults on the rise, it's becoming increasingly important to explore innovations that can transform senior residences.

To that end, United Active Living held its annual Innovation Fair this week at its Garrison Green community to showcase potential solutions from their front-line staff.

The fair "provides us with ideas on how we can enhance the experience of living and working at a United community," says director of innovation in aging, Jamie Fewchuk.

The ideas brought forward are powerful because they come from people who work with seniors at the residence every day, Fewchuk said. It not only leads to myriad useful ideas; it also empowers those who work with seniors.

"Our front-line team is really the driving force behind meaningful innovation because they are on the ground every day," she said. "They see and interact with the residents, and so they know how to improve the way that we do things."

Twenty-six entries from staff were received for the fair and the top 10 were showcased Wednesday before a panel of judges, including: Jocelyn Rempel, chair of older adult health at Mount Royal University; Barb Ferguson, executive director of the Alzheimer Society of Calgary; MLA Samir Kayande; and United's president and CEO Kim O'Brien.

The top ideas included a check-in/check-out kiosk for residents and visitors, which could help staff monitor residents for issues such as social isolation, and an expansion of a software system for housekeeping staff that could enhance personalized delivery of service.

The fair's winning idea — from chef Hunter Young and marketing team member Angela Elia — focused on a culinary showcase, in which United chefs could work with residents to create a cooking show. The idea will be implemented down the road.

Regarding Canada's senior population, Statistics Canada notes that almost one in five adults is already 65 or older, and this demographic is growing six times as fast as the age group of children 15 and under.

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Alberta mayor apologizes for her comments on managing feral cats

AARON SOUSA

The mayor of Fort Saskatchewan has apologized after being criticized for musing about the "old days" of managing feral cats by throwing them in the river or gassing them with a vehicle's exhaust pipe.

Gale Katchur said in a Thursday statement that her comments fell short of her city's values of compassion, respect and care, and that she plans to make sure the city's approach to managing animal populations is humane and responsible.

"I sincerely apologize for the remarks and any hurt they may have caused," she said. "As the City of Fort Saskatchewan's mayor, I represent our community's commitment to humane and thoughtful approaches to all issues, including animal management. I deeply regret that my comments fell short of this standard."

Councillors discussed the city's feral cats at a Tuesday committee meeting.

Protective Services officer Ben Sharpe said there were only 11 calls about them over the past six years. Within the past three years, he said only three cats per year have been reported as feral.

After hearing solutions that included euthanizing, neutering or kennelling the felines, Katchur said it would be "interesting" if people managed populations themselves.

"In the old days when you lived on the farm," Katchur said, "you threw 'em in a bag and threw 'em in the river, or they just put 'em on the exhaust pipe."

She was met with audible gasps from fellow councillors.

"It's OK, I grew up on a farm," she said. "I hope that doesn't get captured anywhere as (me) being the mean mayor."

Camille Labchuk, executive director of national animal law organization Animal Justice, said Katchur's words are "shockingly cruel" and "deeply concerning coming from an elected official."

"Drowning or gassing cats violates animal cruelty laws and is an unconscionable way to treat a sentient companion animal," she said in a Thursday statement. "This type of rhetoric ... undermines the progress we've made in treating animals with dignity and respect."

The Canadian Press



Earlier this year, the city closed the Eau Claire Market, kicked out the businesses and evicted residents from 23 River Run townhouses directly north of the market, writes Don Braid, with a plan for a Green Line LRT station on the land. Now that's dead. GAVIN YOUNG FILES

CITY COUNCIL IS ABOUT TO SPEND $850M AND GET NOTHING FOR IT

Green Line LRT wind-up must be reversed — or those who voted for it can quit now



DON BRAID

The flat-out stupidest decision ever made at city hall means useless spending, higher taxes and no Green Line.

No councillor or mayor who voted to spend $2.1 billion with nothing to show for it can possibly survive the election next October.

And yet, that's what nine councillors and Mayor Jyoti Gondek did when they voted to shut down Green Line work.

The massive loss, which includes $850 million in new wind-up costs, is surely unique for a Canadian city.

We usually look to the federal government for waste on that level. Even there, squandered loot buys something — a ship or two, maybe an excellent new postage stamp.

Our council voted for empty construction yards, bleak demolition sites and dormant land now owned by the city.

For some, there's fresh pain and bitter irony.

Earlier this year, the city closed the Eau Claire Market, kicked out the businesses and evicted residents from 23 River Run townhouses directly north of the market.

The only possible redemption for such jackboot measures is replacing what is killed with something better.

There was a station and development plan for Eau Claire. Now that's dead, too.

This divide on council is mostly (but not entirely) partisan. Voting to keep the project alive were Dan McLean, Sean Chu, Sonya Sharp, Andre Chabot and Evan Spencer. All but Spencer are UCP-aligned.

But then, council turned around and voted 8-7 to establish a working group to keep talking to the province and Ottawa.

You can't really expect them to make sense. The 15-year history of this benighted project shows nothing but shifting timelines, unstable funding, grand designs routinely changed and a spotty history of co-operation with the province.

What does make sense is finding a new way to build the Green Line. Premier Danielle Smith clearly wants that. The entire council agrees on the need.

Smith is starting to sound a bit nervous. She continues to say the city is welcome back at the table and a new design will appear by year end.

The premier also notes that the province would not own and build the project.

She played chicken and was perhaps startled when city hall clucked back. That must be satisfying to councillors such as Gian-Carlo Carra of Ward 9, who demands that Smith appear before council and apologize.

But the premier's message to city hall isn't hard to grasp — accept a fresh design with no downtown tunnelling, receive provincial funding, build the thing.



Jyoti Gondek

This plan would surely include station sites already chosen and work that's done or in progress.

Going with Smith's plan, whatever councillors think of it and her, is the only way to get some value out of the $1.3 billion already spent and evade some wind-up costs.

That $850 million, cited as the most modest estimate by city officials, is simply toxic when the only goal is to stop a project.

Contracts will be broken. Work has to be done around projects already underway. The biggest cost could be cancelling train orders from a Spanish company.

The effect on city finances and taxes will be catastrophic.

About $1.4 billion in property tax flows into the city treasury annually. Collecting an extra $850 million in one year would almost double the current tax rate.

Increases would probably be spread over several cycles. That would likely mean tax hikes of 10 to 15 per cent for years to come.

This comes as city administration is already pleading for a 4.5 per cent hike next year, following the 7.8 per cent increase imposed in the current year.

The only escape from spending $850 million is to reverse this absurd Green Line wind-up.

Council should dispense as little as possible, keep contracts alive and give the province a chance to design a workable project.

The alternative is scandal that will rip through election year 2025.

Councillors who voted to end Green Line might as well quit right now.

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Some councillors hopeful project can be rekindled

GREEN LINE FROM A1

"The province has rejected the plan that was put forward based on lengthy engagement with all three orders of government," she said Wednesday. "They're proposing their own new project.

"We're not even at the table yet until we know if this project can access the funds presently available. We certainly cannot manage the financial, contractual and reputational risk on this."

Council's voting breakdown on Tuesday suggests there is still differing opinion on the Green Line's current status of limbo.

Council's "main" motion on Tuesday night — to orderly wind down work and seek ways to transfer responsibility for the project to the province — passed 10-5. A separate vote also passed that requested the establishment of a working group to continue discussions, with representation from all three orders of government.

After a recommendation from Ward 1 Coun. Sonya Sharp to pause the wind-down was defeated, it was recrafted in a later motion, which passed narrowly, 8-7.

Smith referenced the vote at a news conference Wednesday, suggesting there is still a majority of council that wants to work with the province on a new vision for the line.

The working group is a last-ditch opportunity to rekindle the project, Sharp suggested, and perhaps salvage some of the work that has already been completed.

"Obviously, council voted in favour of winding down the Phase 1 they approved in July, so now it's up to the province to strike a working group to see what the plan is to move forward," she said Thursday.

"I feel we may have hit the execute button on the wind-down a little quickly."

Ward 13 Coun. Dan McLean echoed that sentiment, and said the city and council need to hold some accountability for the project's failure.

"What we've seen is a really good example of what not to do, from civic leadership, when it comes to working with your provincial partners," he said.

"It's unfortunate the province didn't want to fund this project but the city has to accept some responsibility here."

However some councillors and the premier may view it, one local political scientist says another LRT line won't be built in Calgary any time soon.

"The city has wound it up. People are being laid off today," said Mount Royal University professor Duane Bratt.

"Maybe a rapid bus system gets established to the deep south, to the deep north (but) as far as an LRT any time soon? I can't imagine how that is going to be."

Bratt said he can't think of a political precedent for the "fiasco" the Green Line has become in Calgary. The closest parallel could be the previous arena deal between the city and the Calgary Flames ownership group crumbling at the eleventh hour due to cost escalations in December 2021. But in that case, not nearly as much money had been spent and construction was not yet underway.

The Green Line will likely become a municipal election issue in 2025, Bratt said, particularly if a mayoral candidate runs on the platform of working with the government to resurrect its own vision for the line.

"I expect that to occur, but do I think the LRT will actually get built? No," he said.

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Man guilty of vicious assault denied parole

BILL GRAVELAND

The Parole Board of Canada says a man who assaulted a young pregnant woman and left her for dead remains too dangerous to be released into the community.

Albert Muckle, who is now 44, pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault and attempted murder in the 2005 attack on the Banff hotel worker.

Court heard that Muckle beat her unconscious and stole $20. He later returned and sexually assaulted her before attempting to strangle her with her purse strap.

He was declared a dangerous offender and handed an indefinite sentence.

The woman remains in a persistent vegetative state, unable to speak or move.

At his parole hearing in B.C., Muckle refused to talk about the attack.

"I'm not comfortable talking about it. I'm really not," he told the two-member panel at the medium-security penitentiary in Abbotsford, B.C., on Thursday.

The answer puzzled the panel chair, who said to Muckle: "After an agreed-upon statement of facts, after reporting to a plainclothes police officer what transpired, after discussing this in programming, you're not willing to discuss that with us today?"

Muckle replied, "I never actually admitted anything to a plainclothed police officer. I've never admitted to anything. I've never said anything."

The panel continued: "Can I ask you one question, Albert? Did you do it?"

"No."

His parole officer said Muckle had made some progress and completed programs that led to him being transferred from a maximum-security prison to a medium security institution two years ago.

She said Muckle had a difficult upbringing that included abuse at home, addiction problems and time in foster care, but recommended against either day or full parole. She said he still poses a high risk for violent reoffending and a medium risk for sexual violence.



George Muckle

Muckle also told the two-member panel that he had no release plan and had been contemplating taking his own life.

"I don't think there are things I can achieve anymore," he said.

Muckle also said he no longer wants to be considered Indigenous.

"It seems like I'm putting a target on my own back. It would be easier if I just had the system think of me as white. I just really don't want to be native anymore," Muckle said. "If you're native you're identified as a threat."

The panel encouraged him to keep working at improving himself and aim for a gradual release, but the parole was denied.

The Canadian Press



Premier Danielle Smith's position barring Lacombe-Ponoka MLA Jennifer Johnson, above, from her party has slowly softened. DAVID BLOOM

Independent MLA Johnson may join UCP ranks: Smith

MATTHEW BLACK

EDMONTON Independent MLA Jennifer Johnson appears poised to join the ranks of United Conservative MLAs, who will consider admitting her to government caucus at an upcoming meeting, Premier Danielle Smith said Wednesday.

Johnson successfully ran as a UCP candidate for Lacombe-Ponoka in the May 2023 election. She was barred by Smith from joining the government caucus after a recording was published of comments she had made eight months earlier equating the presence of transgender students in Alberta schools with adding feces to a batch of cookies.

"Her constituents believe that she's doing a good job as a local representative," Smith said during a livestreamed interview with Keean Bexte on social media Wednesday evening, later describing Johnson's prior comments as "an unfortunate analogy."

"I think she's done everything I asked her to do."

The premier did not specify the timing of the caucus meeting but said the Lacombe-Ponoka constituency association requested her reinstatement be considered.

Smith initially said her decision to keep Johnson out of caucus was final, but has gradually softened that stance, citing a belief in redemption and second chances.

She told a gathering of UCP members in August that Johnson could be readmitted to caucus after her government passes the planned legislation on transgender policies it first announced last January.

"Let's get through the fall and ask me again when I come back here," she told the crowd.

Smith has said she plans to introduce three pieces of legislation that will impose age restrictions on gender reassignment surgery, require teachers to notify parents should a student change their name or pronouns at school, and implement restrictions on trans individuals participating in sports.

The new sitting of the legislature begins on Oct. 28, though the timing of when those pieces of legislation, as well as corresponding regulations, will be introduced remains unclear.

MEETING WITH LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

A three-minute segment of a recent meeting between Johnson and representatives from the LGBTQ+ community was posted online.

In it, university instructor and transgender rights activist Victoria Bucholtz challenged Johnson by asking her if trans women are women.

"I've never been asked that before," Johnson replied. "I want to have some time to think on that."

Bucholtz said that the answer showed Johnson's views had not changed since her initial remark.

"I'm not going to be your pinkwashing unless you can tell me right now that you believe that I, as a trans woman ... am a woman, then we don't have a lot to work on here," she said.

"If you can't start with that basic foundational principle that we are who we say we are in our bones, then I don't think we're on the same page."

Johnson began to reply, saying they could disagree on things before Bucholtz cut her off.

"Not on that."

The other parts of the meeting were not posted online.

In a subsequent social media statement, Johnson said she met with members of the Lacombe Pride Society, Ponoka Pride Society and Central Alberta Pride Society at their request.

"I was happy to meet with them and hear their concerns as my constituents," she stated, adding that neither Smith nor the UCP caucus were involved in the meeting.

"Contrary to speculation, this meeting has nothing to do with my future as an independent member of the legislature."

Postmedia sought an interview with Johnson on Thursday.

Her constituency office said she was unavailable due to being out of the country for two weeks on a preplanned trip.

Smith told Bexte she thought Johnson came across in the meeting as "very kind and understanding and was trying to find a way of pursuing some common ground."

"It shows me that Jennifer is doing the work of trying to reach out and understand her constituents. That's what I asked her to do."

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Federal policy the sector's biggest risk: poll

VARCOE FROM A1

Companies are seeking clarity on new standards contained in the bill.

"It feels like the intent is to put fear into us with the consequences. And so then that just shuts down the dialogue — and it's a really important dialogue," said Sue Riddell Rose, CEO of Rubellite Energy and Perpetual Energy.

"How are we going to get energy policy and environmental policy — and how the two of them are interconnected — right, without the ability to actually inform the public and have dialogue in the public?"

The survey by ATB Capital Markets of more than 100 industry leaders, conducted between the end of August and early September, paints a picture of a sector that expects modest growth for 2025, particularly as oil prices have recently been volatile.

The poll indicates Canadian oil and gas production is expected to increase by about five per cent next year, while capital spending will rise modestly and field activity levels will grow by an estimated three to five per cent.

Two-thirds of respondents expect U.S. benchmark natural gas prices to improve in the next 12 months, while 40 per cent expect West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil prices to rise over the year — double the level of those who believe it will drop.

Meanwhile, 58 per cent of executives for petroleum producers view their six-month outlook as improving.

"Canada is lining up for a continuation of a stable growth trajectory," ATB analyst Tim Monachello said Tuesday.

"We expect to see production continue to grow in 2025, alongside crude egress and ... initial exports of LNG in the first half of the year."

Asked what's the biggest catalyst for growth over the mid- to longer-term, industry leaders point to the expansion of the liquefied natural gas industry now being built on Canada's West Coast.

An eye-popping 97 per cent believe Phase 2 of the LNG Canada project — the first phase is set to start up next year — will proceed. If built, the new phase would export an additional 1.6 billion cubic feet of gas per day out of Western Canada to Asia.

However, asked to rank the biggest risks facing the sector over the next five years, the top was federal energy and environmental regulations and policies, followed by access to capital.

The study specifically delved into Bill C-59, which was passed by Parliament in June and included changes to the Competition Act.

It states companies can't represent the benefits of their business activities for protecting or "mitigating the environmental and ecological causes or effects of climate change that is not based on adequate and proper substantiation, in accordance with internationally recognized methodology."

Industry groups and the province have criticized the ambiguity about what an internationally recognized methodology will include, while the Alberta government says it's an attempt to muzzle the industry. The burden of proof remains with the business to substantiate any claim.

The ATB survey found 82 per cent of producers view the bill as affecting their environmental reporting; the survey also indicated there are reduced intentions for investment in environmental technologies and ESG disclosure.

"The implication of C-59 are certainly perceived to shift the burden of proof to industry. So the risk and cost associated with disclosures has gone up," said Monachello. "In fact, it may be discouraging investment, because it's increased the risk profile around these investments."

The Competition Bureau is conducting consultations on how the bill's provisions will be interpreted, with feedback accepted until Sept. 27.

Industry executives say the bill has become a major issue.

"Anyone can go in Canada and accuse a company for any reason, and the burden is on the company to prove they're not right," said Tristan Goodman, head of the Explorers and Producers Association of Canada.

"This is a major topic of conversation within the industry. And it's not just our industry. It actually is now going into other industries."



"It feels like the intent is to put fear into us with the consequences," says Rubellite Energy and Perpetual Energy CEO Sue Riddell Rose. GAVIN YOUNG FILES

Environmental groups say the industry shouldn't be concerned as long as their assertions are correct.

"Bill C-59 is basically saying ... if you make a specific environmental claim, it has to be true. This is not an unreasonable demand," said Keith Stewart of Greenpeace Canada.

However, the Pathways Alliance group of oilsands companies said it has "serious concerns with the uncertainty created by the new anti-greenwashing provisions," alliance president Kendall Dilling said in a statement.

"The changes open the door to potentially frivolous litigation that would be costly and time-consuming for companies to defend against," he added.

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City sets aside $52.5M in funding for revived office conversion plan

At least three projects in the core will be supported by the new money

MATT SCACE

Calgary's office-to-residential conversion program is being revived by city hall nearly a year after it was paused when the city allocated all of its $153-million budget in the program's first iteration.

The new round of funding sets aside $52.5 million to lure developers to undertake the expensive and burdensome process of flipping office buildings into multi-unit residential properties.

The renewed efforts come as Calgary's downtown office space continues to show slight recovery from the doldrums earlier in the decade when large parts of the core hollowed out, with office vacancies peaking at 33.2 per cent in 2021. The city's efforts, which began that year, gained attention across borders as a unique solution for cities whose downtown areas were suffering from chronic vacancies.

The new Downtown Development Incentive Program grants $75 per square foot to developers, with a maximum of $15 million per property once the projects are complete. New applications opened Thursday and will be open until Oct. 31.

Given those figures, at least three projects will be supported by the new funding.

Mayor Jyoti Gondek said in a statement that conversions "is not only a practical solution but a transformative one."

The announcement comes at a challenging time for the construction sector. The Barron Building conversion, a project the city has committed $8.5 million to supporting, paused construction earlier this year due to what Strategic Group CEO Riaz Mamdani characterized as complexities that have wreaked havoc on the construction process. The cost of the project had doubled as of mid-August, he said.

The city does not release funding to the selected projects until construction is complete. The city's commitment to the Barron Building conversion preceded the Downtown Development Incentive Program's creation.

Skyrocketing construction costs, particularly for materials, such as concrete and steel, could hold back conversion developers from crossing the finish line on time and on budget, Greg Kwong, Alberta region managing director at CBRE, told Postmedia in April.

While the cost-per-square-foot has remained the same from the previous round, market conditions for materials necessary for construction have dramatically increased in the three years since the program was first unveiled.

"That 75 bucks a foot — you'd probably have to double it to make sense," Kwong said at the time. The potential complications during construction that often occur during conversions also increase the risk.

Only one project under the program's first iteration — the 112-unit Cornerstone development — has finished and opened.

The previous iteration of the program has so far supported 13 projects with four more under review. Thursday's release and a social media post by Gondek said the city had approved 11 projects. The city told Postmedia it had changed how it publicly reports its office conversion statistics.

After hitting 30.2 per cent vacancy rate in 2023 — still the highest in Canada — downtown office vacancies were projected in February to hit 27.9 per cent, according to CBRE. In 2014, downtown vacancies sat at just 9.8 per cent.

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The city has committed $8.5 million to supporting the Barron Building conversion, which was put on pause earlier this year. GAVIN YOUNG


The Alberta government says it has approved up to $149 million in disaster recovery funding to help cover wildfire response costs and to support rebuilding efforts in Jasper. AMBER BRACKEN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Province to provide up to $149M in emergency funding for Jasper

EDMONTON The province says it will provide up to $149 million in funding support for Jasper as the town continues to rebuild from the damage caused by a massive wildfire in July.

In a news release, the government says it has approved disaster recovery funding to help cover wildfire response costs and support the community's rebuilding efforts.

"This funding will cover critical areas of need, from uninsurable infrastructure damage to emergency operations costs, ensuring communities can recover swiftly and safely," Public Safety Minister Mike Ellis said in a statement.

Ellis said the money could be used to pay for volunteer firefighter wages, staff overtime costs, accommodations as well as food and transportation, and also for repairing damaged infrastructure.

In a statement, Jasper Mayor Richard Ireland called the money "critical" but acknowledged it was only one piece of many needed to help the community recover.

"Our community has shown incredible strength and resilience, and with this support, we can help ensure a bright future for Jasper and its residents."

The province's disaster recovery program does not provide financial assistance to homeowners, residential tenants, landlords, small business owners or condo associations, with the government citing the availability of fire insurance.

The new money follows a request from Jasper for budgetary financial support over the coming years in an effort to avoid cutting services or hiking local taxes.

An estimated $283 million worth of property was destroyed by the fire, with Jasper's municipal administration estimating a loss of more than $2 million in rolling annual property tax revenue, excluding the loss of future tax revenues.

It added further future revenue was lost in the utility feeds that would have been charged to 358 affected homes and businesses.

Postmedia News

Bill aims to give Jasper full planning authority

Parks Canada cedes development control to speed up wildfire rebuilding efforts

JACK FARRELL

Federal legislation introduced Wednesday aims to give the fire-ravaged Rocky Mountain town of Jasper full authority over local land planning and development instead of Parks Canada.

Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault said the legislation, once passed, would help accelerate rebuilding efforts.

A July wildfire destroyed more than one-third of the town's homes and businesses, and wiped out more than 800 housing units.

Since Jasper falls within the boundaries of Jasper National Park, Parks Canada currently has authority over land-use planning and development in the town.

This means building plans and permits are issued by Parks Canada rather than the local government.

At a news conference in Ottawa, Guilbeault said giving Jasper control over development in the community is transferring authority "where it belongs."

"It will make it possible to give the town of Jasper, businesses and residents more say to shape the future of the town," Guilbeault said.

"We're committed to remove any and all barriers that impede these efforts."

Jasper Mayor Richard Ireland said the new legislation is the first step in a long process to actually obtain the authority, but it's coming at a critical time for the town.

"This is a tremendously significant step forward for Jasper," he said.

"The changes which this legislation enables will permit us to plan for Jasper's future with more local input, ensuring that decisions may truly reflect the needs of our residents while, of course, preserving the unique character of our iconic national park."

Employment Minister Randy Boissonnault said once the legislation is passed, Parks Canada and Jasper are to create a community development plan that would then need Alberta government.

Ireland said this change has been in the works since 2022.

"We have been in long discussions with Parks Canada over a number of years to get to a point where we think we are very close to agreement on the technical aspects," he said.

"But we need this legislative change first, and hopefully that will come rapidly. It cannot be quick enough from our perspective."

Jasper is grappling with a number of challenges as the community starts to rebuild.


Steven Guilbeault

Earlier this week, town council voted to ask the Alberta government for help stabilizing its annual budgets for the next few years since the fire took out a significant amount of property tax revenue.

Without provincial assistance, local officials say the town would need to drastically cut services, which could harm the visitor experience and subsequently damage the vital tourist economy.

Another option would be to hike property taxes for remaining residents, which officials say would slow the rebuild.

The Canadian Press

Anti-greenwashing legislation silences oilpatch

Pressure remains on industry to reduce its greenhouse gas footprint: think-tank

AMANDA STEPHENSON

Canada's oilsands industry remains under pressure to reduce its greenhouse gas footprint, even as companies have clamped down on public communications in the wake of new anti-greenwashing legislation.

The Pathways Alliance — a consortium of six companies that have jointly committed to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from oilsands production — has been largely silent since June, when the federal government passed an amendment to Canada's Competition Act containing a new anti-greenwashing provision.

But clean energy think-tank the Pembina Institute said concerns about the new law shouldn't prevent Pathways from pulling the trigger on its proposed $16.5-billion carbon capture and storage project.

"(The greenwashing legislation) doesn't preclude things like announcing final investment decisions on carbon capture projects or emissions reduction projects," said Matt Dreis, the think-tank's senior oil and gas analyst. "If we want to be leaders in that sector, we're going to need to get projects like this across the finish line."

It's been three years since the Pathways Alliance first proposed building a massive carbon capture and storage network in northern Alberta to help reduce emissions from oilsands sites. While it has submitted a number of regulatory applications, the consortium has not yet given the project an official green light in the form of a final investment decision.

The industry group also removed virtually all of its content from its website after the passage of new greenwashing rules, which require corporations to provide evidence to support their environmental claims.

The bill's wording says businesses must not make claims to the public about what they are doing to protect the environment or mitigate the effects of climate change unless those claims are based on "adequate and proper substantiation in accordance with internationally recognized methodology."



Pathways Alliance president Kendall Dilling says that changes to the Competition Act "make it more difficult to publicly discuss our work, due to the vagueness of the law." *JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS*

In an emailed statement this week, Pathways Alliance president Kendall Dilling said the group continues to pursue its major project and is working with federal and provincial governments "to determine the most appropriate way to enable large investments into major projects such as ours."

"The new law does not change the intent of Pathways Alliance nor the work we are doing," Dilling said. "However, the changes to the Competition Act do make it more difficult to publicly discuss our work, due to the vagueness of the law."

A newly released survey by ATB Capital Markets found 53 per cent of oil and gas producers polled said the new anti-greenwashing rules in the Competition Act will be "very impactful" to their company's environmental reporting practices.

The survey — conducted between Aug. 28 and Sept. 9 — also found a sizable reduction in the willingness of energy companies to invest in environmental technologies based on an ESG mandate over the next year. Just 17 per cent of respondents noted intentions to invest, down from 34 per cent in the spring 2024 survey.

In June, Shell approved two projects that will capture and store carbon emissions from its Scotford refinery near Edmonton. In July, Strathcona Resources announced a partnership with the Canada Growth Fund that will see the federal entity contribute up to $2 billion in funding for the company's carbon capture projects in Cold Lake and Lloydminster.

The Pathways Alliance has previously said its carbon capture and storage network could help its member companies achieve a 32 per cent reduction from 2019 emissions levels by 2030. Dilling said last March that he is hopeful a final investment decision will be made before the end of 2025, with construction beginning in 2026.

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Shortage of tradespeople reveals a cultural disconnect

Blue-collar stigma remains strong, *Mike Robinson* writes.

In a city known for its energy and work ethic, it's puzzling to see high unemployment alongside unfilled blue-collar positions. Calgary's unemployment rate — at 7.5 per cent — is the second-highest in the country, yet many trades and labour positions remain vacant, especially in the construction industry. The disconnect between the demand for workers and the supply of willing hands raises the question: what's going on here?

At the heart of the issue lies a cultural disconnect. Despite the tangible rewards of blue-collar work — steady income, job security and the satisfaction of creating something with your hands — many Calgarians seem to shy away from these jobs. The root of this aversion seems to be cultural rather than economic.

Any Gen-X Calgarian will likely tell you that the path to a good life was through university. It was a mantra repeated during school years: if you want a good job, go to university. We were told that unless you wore a suit and worked in an office, you hadn't really "made it."

For those of us who weren't academic standouts, the message was clear: manual labour or the trades would be our future. Career tests in junior high? They felt like a sorting hat, with some kids being steered toward "respectable" professions and others toward blue-collar work, subtly devaluing the latter. This belief became ingrained. Even though tradespeople could earn a solid living, sometimes outearning their white-collar counterparts, the idea persisted that blue-collar jobs were inferior.

> *We need to start seeing tradespeople as professionals with specialized skills.*

This divide isn't just theoretical; it shows up in everyday interactions. A few years ago at our corporate Christmas party, we rented a high-end downtown restaurant. My wife was chatting with one of our field workers — she had her glass of wine, and the worker requested a rum and coke. It took the servers 20 minutes to bring him his drink, while the white-collar staff were served immediately. The difference in treatment was subtle but undeniable. It was clear they viewed him differently.

Needless to say, we never returned to that restaurant.

This kind of social divide, though often unspoken, reflects a hierarchy of work that places trades and labour in a lower tier, despite their critical role in keeping the city functioning. The stigma around blue-collar work remains powerful, even when the demand for these jobs is urgent.

The irony is that skilled trades are essential to Calgary. The cranes lining the skyline don't operate themselves, and the homes and offices we rely on don't build themselves. Take, for instance, the crew working tirelessly on the Bearspaw South Feeder Main — they're essential to the city's infrastructure, yet their work often goes unnoticed.

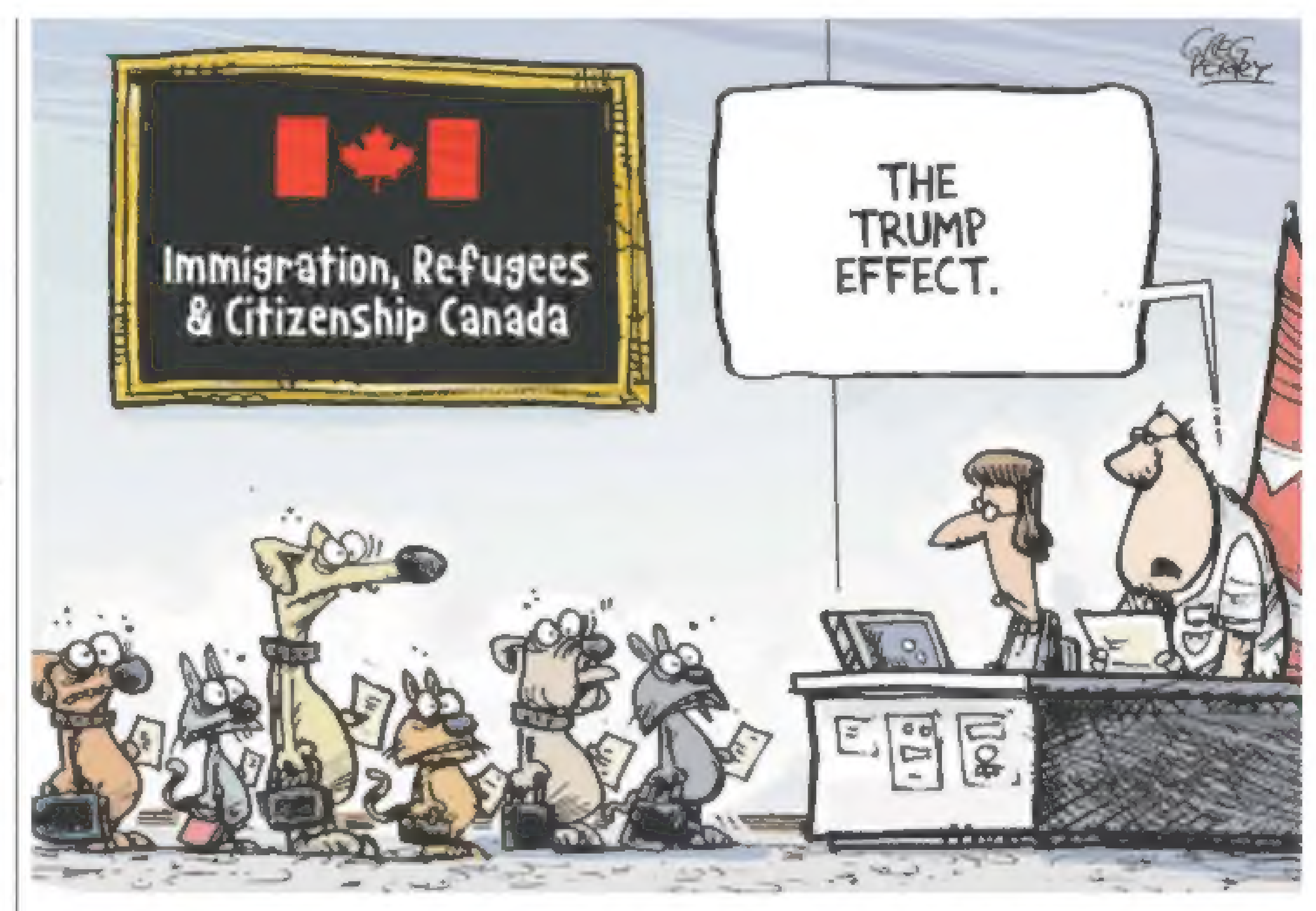
In today's economy, where university graduates face underemployment and student debt, the stability of trades is undeniable. Many white-collar jobs are being automated or outsourced, but it will be a long time before AI is wiring houses or installing toilets. Yet these jobs remain unfilled because of the outdated stigma surrounding them.

We need to start seeing tradespeople as professionals with specialized skills who are as vital to the city's future as office workers. This should be the message that today's students hear, rather than the outdated "university or bust" narrative.

There's no quick fix to Calgary's blue-collar labour shortage. But the first step is recognizing that our culture, which has long prioritized white-collar success, must change. We need to value work for what it truly contributes to our lives, not for the title it carries.

Progress will come when we treat all workers — whether they're building homes or balancing spreadsheets — with equal respect. Because, in the end, we're all building something important.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop all exports of horses for slaughter

The export of live horses for slaughter is an issue that needs an immediate, decisive ban before any action on a federal election.

Imagine horses being without food, water or rest from the time they leave their home location to their destination in Japan — sometimes taking up to 28 hours or more. Imagine the panic, terror and exhaustion these herd animals (some of whom are pregnant and who, at one time, were someone's pet, show or work horse) endure because of the Canadian government.

Bill C-355, which is said to ban the air export of Canadian horses for slaughter, is slated to receive second reading in the Senate this fall. (Note that the initial directive was to "Ban the live export of horses for slaughter.") Bill C-355, even with its weakened wording that includes the words "air" and "Canadian" must be expedited into law now. It can be broadened later to reference other means of transport and non-Canadian horses brought into Canada for export.

As well, all currently scheduled shipments of live horses for slaughter must be stopped until it is.

If you agree, write to government and Senate leaders now with your thoughts on stopping their cruelty to animals.

Jane Donaldson, Calgary

Photo radar serves a double purpose

Once again, the monster of freedom to speed rears its ugly head. I have a suggestion to not only reduce speeding but also reduce the economic deficits of the cities and towns in Alberta.

Install radar cameras on every overpass, school zone and major road in the city. Perhaps when drivers receive multiple tickets for speeding at 140 or so down Deerfoot Trail or any highway, they may decide to slow down. If not, the coffers of the city would benefit and perhaps we could build the Green Line after all.

Bob Andrew, Calgary

UCP does nothing to serve Albertans well

Poverty continues to be a significant problem in our province. An increasing number of people are struggling to meet their basic needs. Housing costs are through the roof. Most people's wages have been eroded by inflation. The pending ecological crisis is gaining traction. State-funded schools do not have adequate support to meet the diverse needs of our province's students.

These are just some of the pressing needs facing ordinary Albertans. Yet, our provincial government blocks attempts by the federal government to make life better for lower-income Albertans.

It interferes with attempts to make getting around Calgary easier and more environmentally friendly. Instead, it concentrates on fanciful, poorly conceived and impractical measures supporting an Alberta exceptionalism, such as a provincial police force, gun law reform and an Alberta pension plan. This is an old-fashioned ideology run amok.

Am I in the middle of a bad dream? Please, wake me up.

Timothy Wild, Calgary

Pensioners could use a pay hike, too

So, unions and everyone else want 20 per cent pay increases. How I wish this applied to pensioners, too.

My husband and I recently had our pension reduced by $7.35 each per month. Apparently, our Guaranteed Income Supplement, which is part of our monthly pension, was reduced because all the carbon cheques we got last year are considered income.

Fortunately, our Alberta allowance was increased by 46 cents per month, so that reduced our deficit to only $6.89.

Will we get a refund when the Conservatives cancel the carbon tax?

Vera McIntosh, Calgary

Downtown Calgary facing overwhelming crisis

Safety of our streets can't be ignored as we help those who are struggling



GEORGE BROOKMAN

This is a very difficult column to write. It is about our community, people's lives and human tragedies.

There is a crisis happening on our streets and it seems overwhelming despite the efforts of so many in Calgary. Anyone visiting downtown and those who live here can't help but feel frustrated, afraid and helpless.

I am a big guy and not easily intimidated, but walking past the Sheldon Chumir Centre on 13th Avenue S.W., I found myself tensing up. The individuals hanging out on the sidewalks and laneways are intimidating. I don't know if it's a drug problem or a vagrancy problem, but when people are resorting to using sidewalks as bathrooms, it surely becomes a community problem.

You have empathy for these individuals but also concerns about personal safety. You may be subject to swearing and insults. In your car, people randomly cross in front of you, defiantly but also scowling and shouting. What can be done, as a community, to help the people forced to cower under garbage bags or makeshift tents?

The beautiful Central Memorial Park is full of litter and the monuments have become places to shoot up or lay down without regard for anyone. The lawns have become depositories for used needles. The chances of an inner-city family sitting down for a picnic or using that park as a place to relax or read are now remote. Shouldn't something be done?

In East Village, the City of Calgary apparently has a work crew that visits the Reconciliation Bridge regularly to clean up litter, human waste and the general mess, but within a few hours the scenario begins again. Is it all a result of poverty and unemployment, or is it also about a disregard for any effort to make things better?

When we see an ambulance or a police car racing down the street, our thoughts go to the victim — thinking it might be someone having a heart attack or an accident — and we admire first responders for their challenging work. Yet, how often are those ambulances heading to someone passed out because of drugs, alcohol or worse? The scenario plays out over and over and is a cycle that seems impossible to break.

Reactions to my comments will be wide-ranging. Accepting the current situation isn't working. There has to be some acknowledgment that drug safe houses are a failure. As one caller recently said to me, "You do not help an alcoholic by giving them free rum."

Every individual deserves help and no one in this situation should be left by the side of the road. But the police cannot be tasked with simply hauling away every person down on their luck, any more than most of us believe it is up to paramedics and the police to become counsellors and caretakers for people living on the street.

The Salvation Army, the Calgary Drop-In Centre, the Mustard Seed and other agencies do incredible work to provide meals, shelter and clothing for folks who need it. These amazing groups save lives, and they help people get back on a road of self-worth; but how can we help and what are the solutions for those who do not want help? More police, more ambulances, more institutions?

Money is not the answer, for surely we invest a lot already to address homelessness, mental health and addiction treatment. It will take more than money to make our streets feel safe and our parks welcome places for everyone.

It is said that the first step to solving a problem is admitting you have one. No matter what it takes, our streets need to be safe and citizens should never feel intimidated and threatened walking down any street in our city.

Pretending there is no problem, ignoring the people on the street, and allowing individuals to consume drugs and alcohol publicly without consequences is not a solution.

Let's not give up, but let's focus on the issue.

George H. Brookman is the chair and company ambassador of West Canadian Digital.



GAD WISHES FOR OLAF DO-OVER

Josh Gad regrets using his own voice for the character of Olaf in Frozen. The actor, who reprised his voice role as the snowman in Frozen 2, said his own voice is now so recognizable he cannot escape Frozen fans.



"If I could do it all over again, I would not have lent that snowman my voice," he said at Fan Expo Canada earlier this month, in a clip shared to TikTok. "I would have created a different voice." He added: "It's very weird being in a supermarket and having a little child go like this (turns head slowly). That was my first big mistake. I try to give it to them when I can."

Disney released Frozen in 2013, and it grossed more than US$1.2 billion globally. Its 2019 sequel raked in $1.45 billion.

Bang Showbiz



"We were committed to each other and committed to the music ... We always strove to give people the best show we could," says Hip bassist Gord Sinclair, left. PHOTOS: AMAZON STUDIOS

MADE IN CANADA

Members of The Tragically Hip discuss revealing new docuseries

MARK DANIELL

THE TRAGICALLY HIP: NO [illegible]
Prime Video



The Tragically Hip members Gord Downie, left, and Rob Baker backstage at a show in the early 2000s.

As they settled into their seats for the world premiere of No Dress Rehearsal, a four-part docuseries that looks at the career and legacy of The Tragically Hip, band members Gord Sinclair, Johnny Fay, Rob Baker and Paul Langlois were gripped by a mix of emotions.

"It was a tough one," Sinclair, who was the band's bassist, said the morning after The Tragically Hip: No Dress Rehearsal screened at the Toronto International Film Festival. "We're an insular group. Throughout our career, it was five or six of us travelling around in a bus and we're private people."

Directed by Mike Downie — brother of the band's singer Gord Downie, who died in 2017 — the Prime Video docuseries traces the quartet's early years in Kingston, Ont., through to the band's last live performance in 2016, Downie's brain cancer diagnosis and beyond. It won TIFF's People's Choice Award for best documentary.

Baker, the Hip's lead guitarist, called the band's portrayal "honest" but added that sitting through its nearly five-hour runtime and watching some of the early footage reminded him of how much fun the quintet had around one another.

"When I think about the band, I just want to think about how much laughing we did. We laughed a lot," he said, smiling.

Hip drummer Fay and the band's rhythm guitarist, Langlois, said they left the screening shortly after it had started.

"There are some moments that are still pretty raw. For me, I just felt that leaving would be a good idea," Fay said.

The series, which features never-before-seen footage and performances, is being released this month to mark the 40th anniversary of the 17-time Juno Award-winning band's formation.

Hundreds of people serenaded the foursome after the rapturous screening of No Dress Rehearsal at TIFF. The morning after, the Can-rock icons contemplated the band's legacy, their future, and answered perhaps the most important question of all: Have they said all there is to say when it comes to the Tragically Hip?

Q After participating in No Dress Rehearsal, what was your biggest takeaway from your time in the band?

Baker: It was like seeing your life flashing before your eyes or a near-death experience that lasts four-and-a-half hours. It was quite a journey. But when we were in it, we never thought about any of that. It was always about putting one foot forward.

Fay: We had a commitment to each other. We knew that each guy brought something to the table that was incredibly unique. That's beautiful. That doesn't happen in today's music.

Langlois: We all respected each and trusted each other ... We got lucky that way.

Sinclair: I remembered how when we were putting the band together it was aspirational. As the band grew older, there were hurdles we faced — just like life. We lost people that we loved, and we endured. But the music was the centre of it.

Q At one point in the doc, we learn that the band had an opportunity to get a big global push with Tower Records. They wanted the Hip to perform at its new downtown Toronto store and they were offering to push (1996's) Trouble in the Henhouse worldwide. But the four of you didn't take the offer because you were loyal to Canada's Sam the Record Man.

Fay: I had completely forgotten about the Sam the Record Man thing ... That decision, which was kind of made by Gord (Downie), was a good one. It had to do with loyalty. Back in the day, Sam the Record Man only put you in the front rack of their store on Yonge Street if they believed you were a career band. We bought our music at Sam the Record Man and respected this Canadian chain and that was it. We could have been all over the world with Tower Records ... But was it the right decision? Yes.

Q What was the secret to your success?

Sinclair: We were committed to each other and committed to the music ... We always strove to give people the best show we could.

Baker: We always knew we were no different than people in the audience. If we played something that was interesting to us then other people would find it interesting and have fun.

Q No Dress Rehearsal touches briefly on how the media covered the Hip's lack of success in the United States. I always thought it was cool that the band had a huge following here. It made me feel like you were our own thing.

Langlois: No one was interested in living anywhere else ... It was rather unfair this assessment that we didn't make it in the States. We worked our way up in so many cities. We sold out the Filmore in San Francisco two nights ... We worked our way up ... We never stopped with the States, even though Rolling Stone was never going to mention us.

Q What do you hope the legacy of the Hip is?

Baker: I can't worry about our legacy. We put a lot of worry and care into the music and we cared about our fans ... If people watch the film, I hope they see that it wasn't about the pursuit of conquering the world or gaining riches. It was about five friends sharing a lot of laughs and love and respect for each other, with a mutual love of music. That's really all it was at the beginning and end of it.

Q More than 11 million Canadians watched the live broadcast of the Hip's final show. What do you remember most about the band's last concert in Kingston back in 2016?

Sinclair: I was pleasantly distracted, so the emotion and the poignancy of it being the final show didn't settle in until a couple of weeks afterwards. Had I really stopped to take the time to appreciate how far we had come, it would have been a lousy night. But we just approached it like another day at the office.

Langlois: We just played the show ... and when we got off the stage, Gord said, 'That felt like the last show.' I think we all heard him say that and knew that was it. But I haven't really watched it ... We had a long great career and it was all we could do.

Fay: The thing I remember about the last show was we came offstage and it felt like the end. I went to go see Gord and I saw him in his dressing room with his mom and his kids. He was having this private moment and I remember walking away and leaving him. We had so much history and so much time together on the road ... That was the end. Processing that was heavy.

Baker: At the end of that final show, my thought was 'It's over.' I packed up. Over the course of the next few weeks afterwards, that's when it settled in. It was hard. I had a slow-motion meltdown and I lost my way for a few years. The dream was over; the bubble popped. I wondered, "What am I now? What do I have left?"

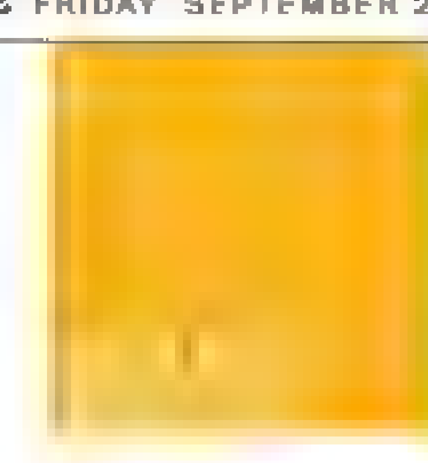
Q Is there a possibility that you guys would make music again as the Hip?

Baker: I don't see the four of us getting up onstage because it wouldn't be the Hip — it would be the Hip minus one and it would instantly draw that attention to it. I think we're better to leave that be.

Q A few years ago, the band unearthed Saskadelphia, which featured never-before-heard songs from the Road Apples session. Is there more unreleased material to come in the future?

Sinclair: There's tons of stuff that we road tested and tried to record that didn't make it onto an album for whatever reason. Johnny has been going through the archives and finding old material. Now we're rediscovering all this new stuff and some of it really stands up. You can hear how we played and evolved as songwriters and musicians over the course of time.

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Jung Kook: I Am Still (PG) (in Korean) Sat Sun 4
Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story (PG) Sat 4 05 Wed 7

CANYON MEADOWS

1992 (14A) Fri Thu 9 30 Fri Sat Mon-Thu 4 15
A Quiet Place: Day One (14A) Fri Wed At 3 5
ARM (A.k.a. Ajayante Randam Moshanam) (PG) (in Malayalam language with English subtitles) Sat-Mon, Wed 6 40 Sun [illegible] 0
Bad Boys: Ride or Die (14A) Fri-Thu 9 45
[illegible] (PG) Fri Thu 1 40 3 40 9 10 Fri Sun 7 20
Bill and Teds Excellent Adventure (PG) Fri Wed 9 20 Mon Wed 7 20
Borderlands (PG) Fri Thu 1 5 9 35
The Crow (14A) Fri Thu 1 10 4 10 7 15 9 40
Devara Part 1 (STC) (in Telugu Language with English subtitles) Thu 6 30 7 30 8 50
The Fall Guy (PG) Fri Thu 4 7
Fly Me to the Moon (PG) Fri Thu 12 50 6 50
The Garfield Movie (PG) Fri Thu 1 05 3 45 6 55
Harold and the Purple Crayon (G) Fri Thu 12 55 3 45 6 45
[illegible] **ney** (G) Fri Thu 1 20
IF (G) Fri Thu [illegible] 15
Longlegs (14A) Fri Thu 9 50
My Penguin Friend (PG) Fri Thu 1 3 50 7 10
The Spongbob Squarepants Movie (G) Fri Thu 4 15
Trap (PG) Fri Thu 1 25 7 05 9 25

COCHRANE MOVIE HOUSE

Transformers One (PG) Fri 3 10 6 45 8 45 Sat 1 [illegible] 45 8 45 Sun 1 [illegible] 10 6 45 Mon Wed Thu 6 45 Tue 3 10 6 45
Speak No Evil (14A) Fri [illegible] 45 7 20 9 20 Sat 1 5 45 7 20 9 20 Sun 1 35 3 45 7 20 Mon Wed Thu 7:20 Tue 3 45 [illegible] 20
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (14A) Fri [illegible] 30 7 9 10 Sat 1.30 3 30 7 9 10 Sun 1 30 3 30 7 Mon Wed Thu 7 Tue 3 30 7
Deadpool & Wolverine (14A) Fri 3:40 [illegible] 10, 9 Sat 1 10 3 40 7 30 9 Sun 1 10 3 40 7 30 Mon Wed Thu 7 30 Tue 3:40 7 30
Autumn and the Black Jaguar (PG) Fri Tue 3:20 7 10 Sat Sun 1 20 3 20 7 10 Mon Wed Thu 7 10

MARKET MALL

Deadpool & Wolverine (14A) Fri 1 3 6 45 Sat 10 40 1 30 3 45 6 45 Sun 12 15 3 45 6 45 Mon Wed 1 30 3 45 6 45 Thu 1 55 4 40 6 30 9 20
Deadpool & Wolverine 3D (14A) Fri Wed 9 15
It Ends with Us (PG) Fri-Wed 7
Transformers One (PG) (Ultrascreen) Fri Sun 12 2:30 7:30, 10 Mon Wed 2 7:30 10 Thu 1 30 4 50 7:15
Transformers One 3D (PG) Fri, Sun 12 30, 3 15, Sat Mon-Wed 1 15, 4 Thu 9 40
Transformers One 3D (PG) (Ultra 3D) Fri Sun 5 Mon Wed 4 45
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (14A) Fri Sun 12 45 3 30 6 30 9 35 Sat Mon Wed 1 45, 4 15 6 30 9 35, Thu 1 45 4 15, 6 45 10
Speak No Evil (14A) Fri 12 15 3:50, 7:15 9 50 Sat Mon Wed 1 4 30 7 15 9:50 Sun 1 3 15 7 15 9 50 Thu 2 10 4 7 30 9 10
Alien: Romulus (14A) Fri Wed 9:45
Inside Out 2 (G) Sat 11 25 a.m
The Wild Robot (PG) (Ultrascreen) Thu 2 4 30 7 9 30

THE PLAZA THEATRE

Calgary International Film Festival: Goddess of Slide: The Forgotten Story of Ellen McIlwaine (STC) Fri 6
CIFF: My Dead Friend Zoe (STC) Fri 9
CIFF They All Came Out To Montreux (STC) Sat 11 30 a.m
CIFF Griffin in Summer (STC) Sat 2 30
CIFF Singing Back The Buffalo (STC) Sat 5 30
CIFF Micro Budget (STC) Sat 8 30
CIFF: Superboys Of Malegaon (STC) Sun 11 30 a.m
CIFF Grand Theft Hamlet (STC) Sun 3
CIFF: The Hobby (STC) Sun 5 30
CIFF The Girl with the Needle (STC) Sun 8 30
Fight Club (18A) Mon 8 20 Tue 2 Thu 6.20
Sing Sing (14A) Mon 2 Tue 6 30 Thu 9:05
The Critic (14A) Mon 6 20 Tue 8 45, Wed Thu 2
The Critic (14A) (BYO Baby, special screening) Wed 11 a.m

GET YOUR MOTORS RUNNING

AMY NICHOLSON

> **TRANSFORMERS ONE**
>
> ★★★½ out of 5
> **Cast:** Chris Hemsworth, Brian Tyree Henry, Scarlett Johansson
> **Director:** Josh Cooley
> **Duration:** 1h 44m

Check out this car trick: Transformers One, an energetic charmer by director Josh Cooley (Toy Story 4), takes the brand that's been, variously, a trinket from Japan, a Saturday morning kids' show and a hyper-sexualized blockbuster franchise and whip-whomp-whoops it into a cartoon about the human soul — er, make that a sentient robot's spark plug — that the guileless bipedal worker bots on planet Cybertron have been told they were born without.

Young energy miners Orion Pax (Chris Hemsworth), and D-16 (Brian Tyree Henry), are unable to aspire to a better life — in short, to transform. When Orion, the more ambitious of the two, tried to pretzel himself into a Pontiac anyway, it didn't go well. "Took me three days to pry you open," D-16 groans.

This is a prequel. Orion and D-16 and their pals are fated to morph into characters you know and the road there has some convincingly emotional turns. But really, the screenwriters Eric Pearson, Andrew Barrer and Gabriel Ferrari (yes, Ferrari), have stripped down the series's nonsensical mythology — why in Henry Ford's name would an alien species hanker to look like a Mack Truck? — and rebuilt it around a purer philosophy. Here, the "auto" in Autobots stands for autonomy. Hey, whatever spins your wheels. The film's style is a staggering improvement on the old '80s TV show, and even on the Michael Bay live-action version, which, for all its expensive CGI, felt like being rattled around in a second-grader's pencil box. Cinematographer Christopher Batty and the design team whisk us through an underground city named Iacon that's marvelously cluttered with skyscrapers sprouting from below and above like stalagmites and stalactites, with floating roads that unfurl mid-chase as though predicting where someone will steer. Early on, there's a race that rumbles like the running of the bulls. Later, all these geometric angles are broken up by a flashback that whirls onscreen in a cloud of beautiful, soft dust.

When the low-status gang, now expanded by a line-toeing lady robot named Elita-1 (Scarlett Johansson) and a goofy blabbermouth named B-127 (Keegan-Michael Key), finds itself for the first time on Cybertron's surface, I had a thought that seemed at once plausible and absurd. Taking in its landscape of moody pastel skies and jagged spears of metal and rock overgrown by vines and purple-pink moss, I wondered: Is this Transformers movie inspired by Andrei Tarkovsky?

Cooley makes sure his latest movie gets in at least one good dumb joke every scene, including a visual gag where Orion and D-16 appear to sleep upright in old-school portable phone chargers. In addition to hiring Jon Hamm and Steve Buscemi for this movie's villains, someone in the production must have thought it was awfully funny to cast The Matrix's Laurence Fishburne as an ancient gewgaw named Alpha Trion who, in an archived hologram, dramatically intones about a gizmo called the Matrix of Leadership.

That, of course, will be the thing everyone spends the film speeding around trying to find. The plot line unspools exactly as you'd expect, and it's gory as heck. (If motor oil were blood, this PG cartoon would be rated R.) But the surprise here is how much of the quest is spiritual too — the story heavily invests in one character's gradual heel turn, which feels like a tragedy long before the climactic smash-up.

It's not hard to imagine Transformers One connecting with preteens whose pubescent bodies can be as unwieldy as Orion's first, clumsy transformation, with wheels where he expects legs and arms where he expects wheels. It might even radicalize them to vow they'll never be a cog in a machine.

The Washington Post

UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD

Inauspicious Starts by Drew Schmenner, edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS
1 Sow or boar
4 "Kapow!"
7 Spare no effort, in slang
13 Wild way to run
15 Dream Team jersey letters
16 Celebrity chef Gordon
17 Union mole
19 Italian fashion label
20 Italian farewell
21 Apiece
23 Sun. follower
24 Lending money illegally
28 Ginormous crevice
30 Parisian gal pal
31 However, in a text
32 Journalist Gershkovich
35 College hangouts for linns
39 What may spark a forest fire
43 Japanese electronics corporation
44 In ___ of (replacing)
45 "ASAP!"
46 ___ glass
48 Takes a break
51 A long one may get a coach fired
56 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper
57 Great Plains Native
58 Got up
61 Most ready to pick
64 National park in South Dakota ... or, parsed differently, a hint to the meanings and initials of 17-, 24-, 39- and 51-Across
67 "Told ya so!"
68 Before, in verse
69 Nike's swoosh, e.g.
70 Venus' doubles partner
71 Fashion monogram hidden in "ruby slippers"
72 Said "I do"

DOWN
1 Buddy
2 Computer sold in pink
3 Mongolian desert
4 Tour group transport
5 Colorado ski mecca
6 Mesoamerican pyramid builders
7 ___ cracker (s'more ingredient)
8 Rower's need
9 "Let me think ..."
10 "Me too"
11 Talked for hours
12 Like a phone with almost no battery power
14 Aussie "bear"
18 Aussie bouncers?
22 Coins, collectively
25 "So, so true!"
26 Beginning of a family feud, say
27 Warriors coach Steve
28 Green "pet"
29 Refuses to share
31 Parental pampering initials
33 Most evil
34 Folk artist DiFranco
36 "___ No Mountain High Enough"
37 Certain boxing results, briefly
38 Patch a hole, perhaps
40 Old record player
41 Mickey or Minnie
42 "Certainly!"
47 "This is irresistible!"
49 ___ Grey tea
50 Scandinavian toast
51 Some birds ... or capers
52 Take a stance, say
53 "Incredible!"
54 "Spider-Man" star Maguire
55 Cabooses
59 Winter fort material
60 Narrowly defeat
62 Sheep that's a palindrome
63 Contessional offense
65 Director Guillermo Toro
66 Turf

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

IT'S A LITTLE FUZZY — Solution: 4 letters

S	R	E	H	T	A	E	F	L	O	S	S	Y	S	B
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N	E	E	B	I	Y	K	R	U	M	K	S	M	P	M
E	R	V	A	S	T	A	C	B	E	C	E	I	E	A
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N	N	R	T	F	R	I	Z	Z	Y	K	O	M	S	E
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A	M	B	I	G	U	O	U	S	H	C	E	E	P	S

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Agreement, Alpaca, Ambiguous, Announcement, Bath Mat, Bird, Blanket, Cats, Coat, Cows, Dogs, Feathers, Flossy, Fluffy, Fringe, Frizzy, Gibberish, Hazy, Lamb, Legalese, Massage, Mislead, Misty, Murky, Obscure, Report, Score, Shaggy, Slippers, Smoky, Soft, Speech, Sweater, Tennis Ball, Understanding, Unstable, Unsure, Velvety, Vest, Vow, Waver

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

	5			7	9			4
1	8			2				9
		3						
				4			5	
6	4		8		5		9	7
	1			9				
						9		
8				6			4	3
9			1	3			7	

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 knit or purl (6)	
2 quote (4)	
3 refreshing one's memory (9)	
4 sowers (8)	
5 Renaissance scholar (7)	
6 Aiden of "Hail, Caesar!" (10)	
7 fictional detective Wolfe (4)	

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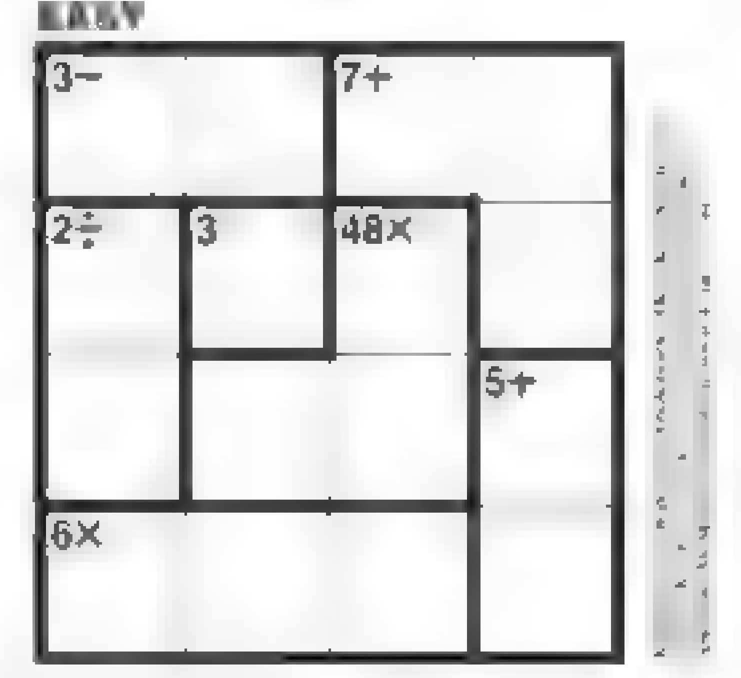
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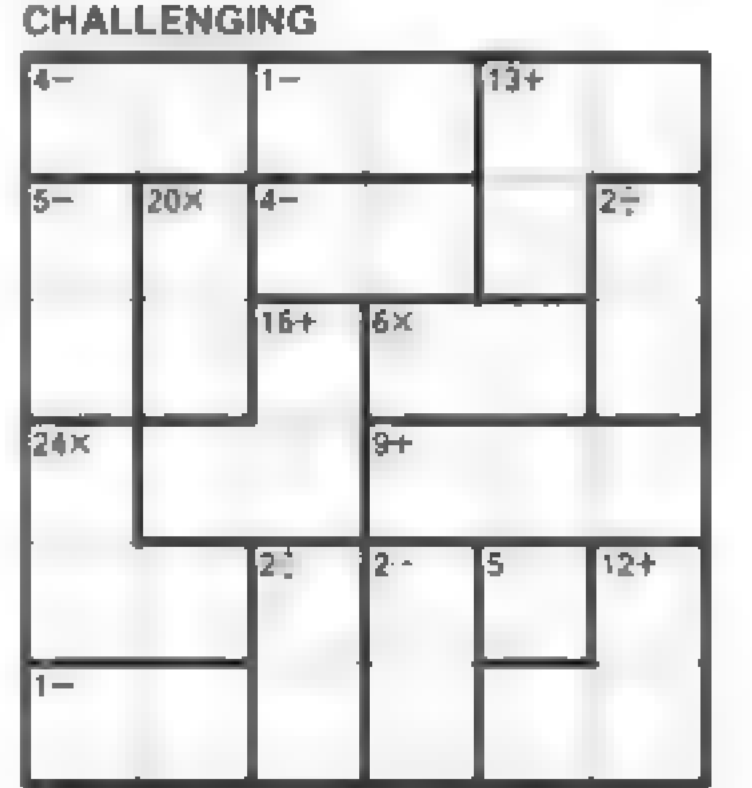
THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

Instructions: Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

EASY



CHALLENGING



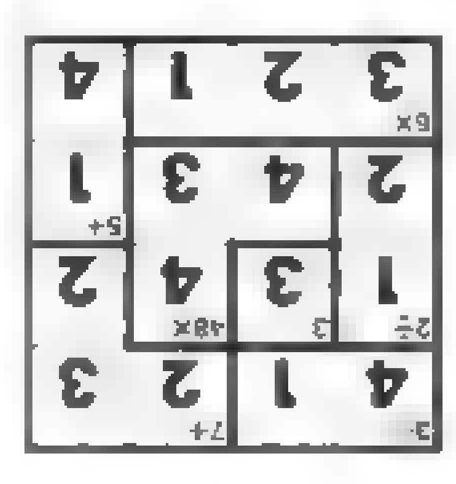
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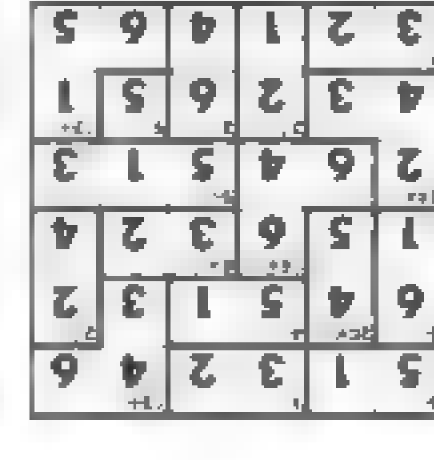
by Luis Campos

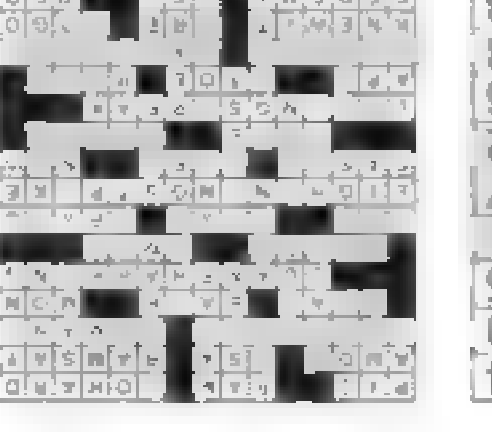
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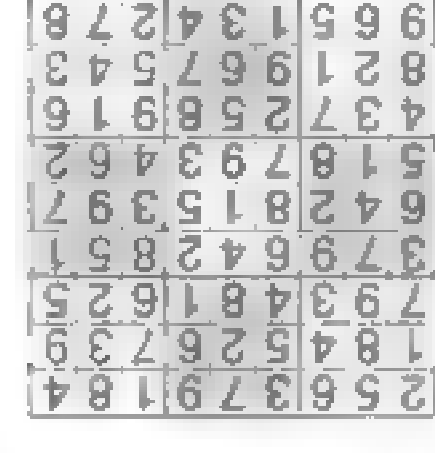
TODAY'S SOLUTIONS:

WONDERWORD: WOOL



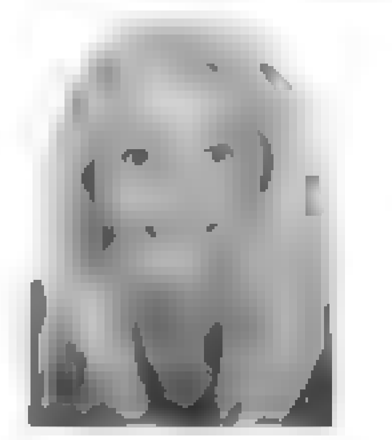






LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

HOROSCOPE FOR SEPTEMBER 20



BY EUGENIA LAST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Pay attention to your body and surroundings, and you'll gain insight into how you can improve your health and lifestyle. Don't second-guess yourself, trust and believe in your abilities. 3 stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider how best to use your skills without jeopardizing your relationships, lifestyle or health. A realignment that helps balance work and playtime will do wonders for your state of mind and help you pursue pastimes that bring you joy. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Change your speed and focus, and forge into the future intent on finishing what you start. Focus on important matters and pass along insignificant jobs to others. Stop spinning your wheels and concentrate on the here and now and what matters most. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Consider the big picture, but tunnel vision will be in your best interest when it comes time to act. Refuse to let anyone lead you astray or push you out of your comfort zone. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Incorporate the old with the new. It's good to rely on what's foolproof, but if you want to make a statement and draw support, implementing current and newfangled ideas will seal the deal. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Consider the possibilities before you start something new. Change can be exciting, but a wrong move can be costly. Don't accept secondhand information; see for yourself, weigh the pros and cons, and make an educated decision that appeases your comfort and lowers your stress. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Present your intentions to the universe and make your dreams come true. If you can find an intelligent way to manifest your desires, you will attract what and who you need to complete your mission.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): When one door closes and another opens, ask why, and what you may have done differently. Learn from your experience; it will help you rewrite mistakes and build confidence and ensure you move forward with a positive attitude and the ability to achieve the success you desire. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Good things are within reach. All you need is to embrace opportunity, challenge yourself and pursue your dreams with momentum and clarity. Share your dialogue with people heading in a similar direction, and you'll form a solid bond with people who will strengthen your plans. 3 stars

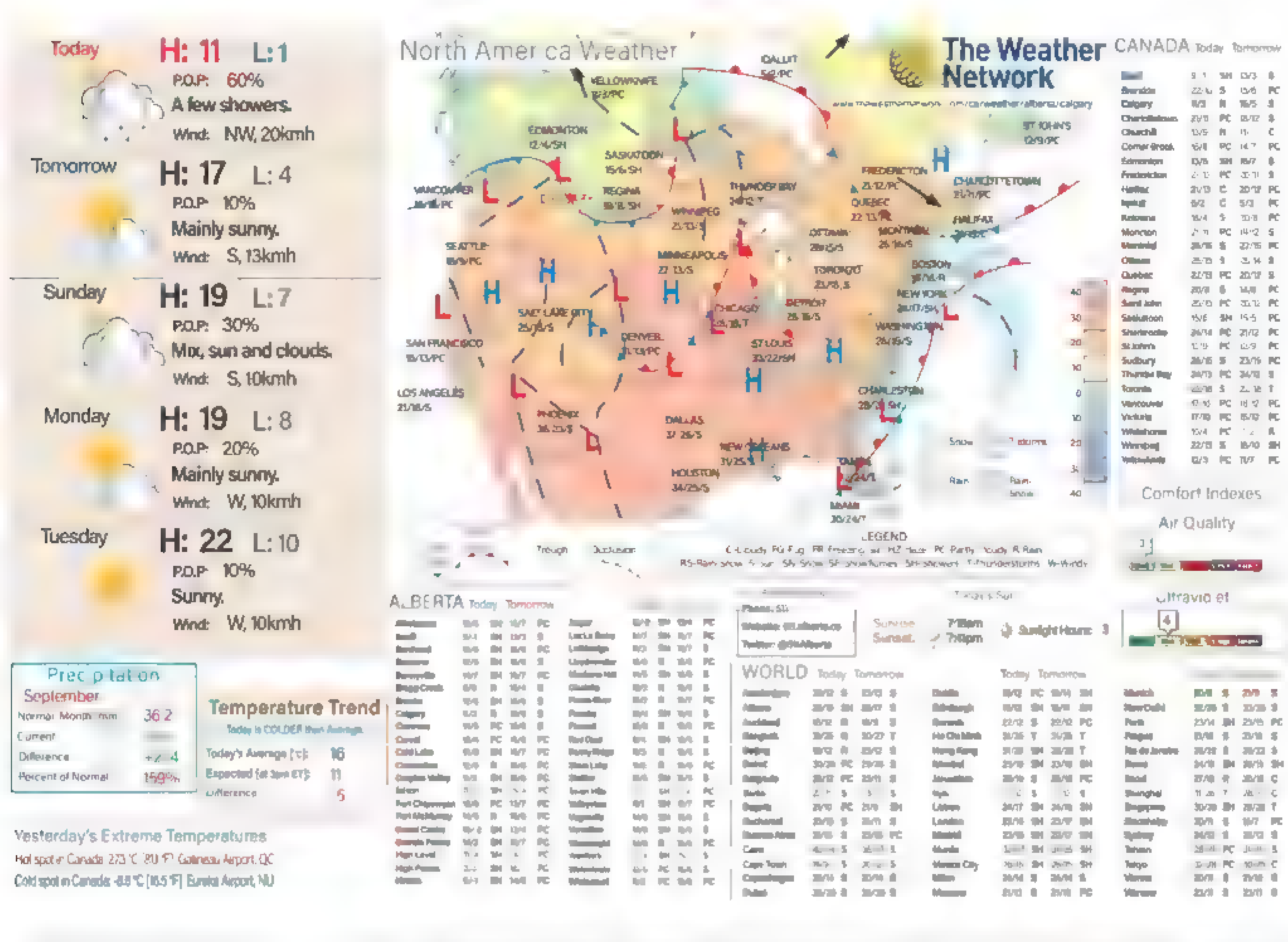
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Clear up any lingering problems quickly before you start something new. Refrain from letting anyone stand in your way or play emotional mind games that slow you down or cost you financially or emotionally. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Shout out to those you can rely on to pick up the slack and help you achieve your objective. Work in unison with others, and you'll find your way into a leadership position. Trust your judgment and ability to coordinate meticulously. Be the bright light and affirmative influence. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Redesign your plans and surroundings to suit your needs. Address financial and medical issues, and adjust your routine to reduce stress and gain insight into what you want by bringing comfort and happiness. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Say no to those trying to lead you in a direction that isn't in your best interest. Be true to yourself and do what brings you peace of mind. An activity that challenges you mentally or physically will take your mind away from your worries. 4 stars

BIRTHDAY BABY: You are dedicated, insightful and generous. You are responsive and dominant.



TV TIMES TONIGHT - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

MOVIES TALK SPORTS KIDS

C	B		5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
[illegible]	4	CTV	News (N) Live	News (N)	CTV News Calgary at 6 (N) Live		etalk (N)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Lingo (N)		CTV (N)	News (N)
[illegible]	38	OMNI	Omni News (N)	Wish	Wish	Omni News	News (N)	Punjabi (N)	News (N)	Omni News	OMNI News	Cantonese (N)	News (N)	Cantonese	News Punjabi	Focus Punjabi
[illegible]		ABC	4 News Now on KXLY+ (N)		4 News Now (N)	World News (N)	4 News Now (N)	4 News Now (N)	Inside Ed. (N)	ET (N)	High Potential		20/20 (N) (SP)			
[illegible]	8	CBC	Jamie's Quick	Jamie's Quick	News (N)	News (N)	Coronation (N)	Coronation (N)	Marketplace	About That (N)	Real Crown (N)		The National (N)		News (N)	Baroness von
[illegible]	2	Global	News (N)	Global (N)	Global News Hour at 6 (N)		The Goldbergs	ET (N)	Crime Beat		Celebrity Renovation (N)		NCIS: Sydney		Global News at 11 (N)	
[illegible]	5	CITY	Clarkson Whoopi Goldberg (N)		CityNews at 6 Calgary (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Dateline NBC (N)		America's Got Talent				CityNews (N)	J. Kimmel (N)
[illegible]		CBC-F	Premier (N)	Silence (N)	TJ Alberta (N)	Telejour (N)	Au suivant (N)		Gala Comedihia 2024 (N)		Abysses (N)		Le Telejournal (N)		Sports (N)	Cinema
11		CMT	Cheers	Cheers	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Workaholics	Workaholics	Becker	Becker	Wings	Wings	The Office	The Office
12		CBS	KREM 2 News at 4 (N)		News (N)	CBS News (N)	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)		Dateline		Celebrity Renovation (N)		Lingo (N)		Blue Bloods	
13		CTV2	Bob Heart	News	Primetime (N)	How It's Made	Big Bang	etalk (N)	★★★ The Father ('20) Olivia Colman, Anthony Hopkins				Criminal Minds		Primetime	Fallon
14		PBS	Alma's Way	Xavier Riddle	America	Test Kitchen	PBS News Hour (N)		Week (N)	Hoover (N)	Doc Martin		DEADLOCK (N)		Frontline (N)	
15		NN	Canada Tonight With Travis Dhanraj (N)				The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)	
17		NBC	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NBC News (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel (N)	America's Got Talent				Dateline NBC	
18		TREE	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	(:15) Blaze	(:40) Thomas	Rubble	(:40) Bonky	(:05) Franklin	PeppaPig	Bubble	(:45) Rivets	(:10) Ready,	Various	(:20) Max & Ruby	(:45) Blue
19		HGTV	Caribbean Life	Caribbean Life	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters (N)		Hunt Intl (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	House Hunters		Hunters Intl	Hunters Int'l
20		YTV	(4:45) ★★ Hotel Transylvania		Danger Force	Danger Force	★★ Hotel Transylvania ('12) Adam Sandler				Make It Pop	Make It Pop	Danger Force	Danger Force	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
21		TSN	CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Toronto Argonauts From BMO Field in Toronto. (N) Live						SportsCentre (N) Live		CFL Football (N)			Sports (N) Live	SportsCentre (N) Live	
22		FOX	Modern Family	Last Man	College Football Illinois at Nebraska From Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. (N) Live							Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Big Bang	News (N)	FamFeud
23		W	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	★ The Cases of Mystery Lane: Death Is Listening ('24)				★ The Jane Mysteries: A Deadly Prescription ('24)			
24		TLC	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé Ingrid is overwhelmed by Brian's physical needs. (N)				90 Day (N)	My Big Fat Fabulous Life		90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé Ingrid is overwhelmed by Brian's physical needs.			
25		FOOD	Bobby's Triple Threat		Bobby's Triple Threat		Bobby's Triple Threat (N)		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Bobby's Triple Threat		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
26		A&E	The First 48		The First 48 (N)		Cold Case Files: DNA (N)		Tell Me How I Died (N)		The First 48		The First 48		Cold Case Files: DNA	
27		SNW	(4:30) MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Tampa Bay Rays. (N) Live					Sportsnet Central (N) Live		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Oakland Athletics. (N) Live				Misplays	Sportsnet (N)	Sportsnet
29		CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) Live		The Source With (N) Live		CNN NewsNight (N) Live		Laura Coates Live (N) Live		Anderson Cooper 360		The Source With Kaitlan Collins	
30		SN360	This Week in WWE (N)		WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) Live				WWE Main Event (N)		WWE Friday Night SmackDown				Dana White's Contender Series	
32		SHOW	NCIS: Hawai'i		NCIS: Hawai'i		★★ XXX ('02) Asia Argento, Vin Diesel					★★★ Lucy ('14) Morgan Freeman, Scarlett Johansson				Movie
33		SLCE	Neighbor	Neighbor	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Mom	Mom	Engagement	Engagement	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Mom	Mom	King	King
34		STZ2W	Movie	★★ Hop ('11) James Marsden			★★★ Edward Scissorhands ('90) Johnny Depp				★★★ The Lobster ('15) Rachel Weisz, Colin Farrell				★★★ The King of Comedy	
35		DISC	Mayday		Crimes (N)	Crimes (N)	Alien Encounters (N)		Body Cam: On the Scene (N)		NUMB3RS		NUMB3RS		Crimes	Crimes
36		CTVDR	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	
37		OLN	Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef	
38		TOON	Hotel ... Total	Gumball	Teen ... Teen	Teen ... Teen	Teen ... Teen	Teen ... Teen	Tiny Toons Loo	Adventure Tim	Teen ... Teen	Teen ... Teen	★ Batman: The Dark Knight Returns, Part 2			(:45) Total
39		FAM	Shasha & Milo	Ladybug	LEGO (N)	LEGO Dream (N)	★★ Jack the Giant Slayer ('13) Eleanor Tomlinson, Nicholas Hoult					Family Matters	The Goldbergs	Life Derek	★★ Jack the Giant Slayer	
40		PCH	NASCAR (N)	NASCAR Xfinity Food City 300 From Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. (N) Live					College Football San Jose State at Washington State From Gesa Field at Martin Stadium in Pullman, Wash. (N) Live							Last Man
41		CTVCo	How I Met	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Conners	The Conners	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
42		TCM	(4:30) ★★★ The Narrow Margin		★★★★ Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Sto			(7:45) ★★★★ Mr. Smith Goes to Washington ('39) Jean Arthur, James Stewart					★★★★ Hearts and Minds ('74) Chau Diem, Tin Chan			
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JACQUES BOISSINOT / THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec Premier François Legault, seen at the legislature in Quebec City on Thursday, wants the Bloc Québécois to reverse course after their leader said he would not support a non-confidence motion that will be put forward by the Conservatives next week.

Legault asks Bloc to force election

CATHERINE LEVESQUE
in Ottawa

QUEBEC PREMIER EXPRESSES FRUSTRATION AT IMMIGRATION AS HE PUSHES FOR VOTE, BUT BQ LEADER REFUSES

Quebec Premier François Legault is calling on the Bloc Québécois to reverse course and trigger a federal election.

Speaking to reporters Thursday morning, Legault called on Parti Québécois Leader Paul St-Pierre Plamondon to "have some courage" and tell his "comrades" in Ottawa to vote for a non-confidence motion that will be put forward by the Conservatives next week.

Bloc Québécois Leader Yves-François Blanchet said that his party does not intend to support that motion, thus ensuring that the minority Liberals have enough votes to stay in power.

Legault expressed frustration with the high numbers of immigrants coming to his province and what he claims are "non-significant" actions from the federal government on the immigration file in recent months that he says are threatening the French language.

"Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon has the duty to stand, to be courageous and to call out Yves-François Blanchet," he said.

Blanchet reacted in a statement on X said that his answer is still "no."

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PREMIERS, MILLER IN ASYLUM DISPUTE

ALTA., N.S., N.B.

'Weaponizing' issue for political gain, Miller says

RYAN TUMILTY

OTTAWA • Immigration Minister Marc Miller has accused the premiers of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Alberta of weaponizing a working group on asylum seekers and distorting the issue for their own political gains.

Miller established the working group over the summer asking provincial immigration and jobs ministers to look at ways to reduce the pressure on Ontario and Quebec, where most asylum seekers now enter the country. One of the suggestions is to relocate asylum seekers across the country.

Alberta Premier Danielle Smith said last week her province wouldn't take any claimants, especially not without federal cash.

"Excessive levels of immigration to this province is increasing the cost of living and strains public services for everyone," she said on the social media site X.

Responding to Miller, Smith released a statement accusing the government of backtracking on a "disastrous policy."

"He intentionally tried to mislead Canadians by conflating economic migrants with asylum seekers," she said. "We've joined other premiers across our country in calling on the current federal government to immediately reintroduce sensible and restrained immigration policies — similar to levels we saw under Stephen Harper — so that all provinces have some time and resources to sustainably catch up with growth, and to ensure those coming here closely align with our country's economic needs."

New Brunswick Premier Blaine Higgs said his province was a welcoming place but couldn't afford 4,600 asylum claimants at their doorstep.

See MILLER on NP2

Google offered to sell part of ad business in EU antitrust case

OFFER REFUSED

Google this year offered to sell its advertising marketplace Ad Exchange, or AdX, to end an EU antitrust investigation. But European publishers rejected the proposal, Reuters reported this week.

The news agency cited two people with knowledge of the matter but did not name them.

Last year, the European Publishers Council launched a complaint against Google's ad tech business. The European Commission subsequently charged the company with favouring its own advertising services.

Publishers rejected Google's proposal because they wanted it to sell off more than just AdX, the sources told Reuters. They said there were conflicts of interest in almost all levels of the advertising supply chain.

Ad exchanges are technology platforms that allow companies and advertisers to buy and sell ads electronically through online bidding. But Google's dominance in internet searches allows it to overcharge for ads, and also to monopolize the market.

A Google spokesperson told the news agency: "The European Commission's case about our third-party display advertising products rests on flawed interpretations of the ad-tech sector, which is fiercely competitive and rapidly evolving. We remain committed to this business."

Neither the commission nor the European Publishers commented.

AdX is part of Google's Ad Manager product, which also contains an ad server known as DoubleClick for Publishers, or DFP. The company is currently on trial in the U.S., fighting claims by antitrust authorities who want it to sell Ad Manager.

Google has never before offered to sell an asset in an antitrust case, Reuters reported, citing three lawyers involved in antitrust cases who did not have permission to speak publicly.

Reuters said other sources suggested the commission may order Google to stop its alleged anti-competitive practices in the coming months because of the complexity of the case.

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CANADA



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Government House Leader Karina Gould on Thursday called on Speaker Greg Fergus to reject opposition parties' claim that the government violated MPs' parliamentary privilege by refusing to provide them with unfettered access to thousands of government documents.

'Sold their soul' in support of Trudeau

LEGAULT

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He said he is not a Conservative nor is he a Liberal or a CAQ supporter — but the leader of the Bloc. He said he is serving Quebecers according to his "sole judgment" and that the non-confidence motion does not even mention the Liberals' failings on immigration.

Despite Blanchet previously saying that he was "reasonably confident" that he could strike a deal with the Liberals on increasing seniors' pensions, it seems like the Bloc has not received any guarantees that their long-standing ask will be met by the government.

"They know where to find us," said a Bloc party official speaking on background because they were not authorized to talk about private discussions between parties.

The Conservatives' Quebec lieutenant, Pierre Paul-Hus, tweeted that the Bloc is a terrible negotiator and "sold its soul" to support Trudeau without getting anything in return.

On Wednesday, Liberals and Conservatives were mostly turning their attention to the NDP, which just recently ripped their supply-and-confidence agreement with the Liberals.

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre said Jagmeet Singh should tell Canadians if he is going to "sell out again" or "trigger a carbon tax election," while Government House Leader Karina Gould said that the NDP pulling out of the deal has "real and tangible consequences."

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Later, in Quebec City, St-Pierre Plamondon said he supported Blanchet's strategy and would not call on him to join the "Conservatives of Alberta." He said there is no use in toppling the Trudeau government.

"Whether it's Poilievre or Trudeau, we would get nothing and regress on a linguistic, financial, environment or social level," the PQ leader said.

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh was expected to share his position on the non-confidence vote during a press availability late Thursday.

"Now that the Bloc announced it will vote to keep Trudeau in power, the NDP no longer matters," wrote Poilievre on X.

National Post, with a file from The Canadian Press

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Speaker to rule on extent of Commons reach

DOCUMENT ACCESS

Christopher Nardi

OTTAWA • The Liberals say the House of Commons exceeded its powers when MPs ordered the government to hand over all documents related to the so-called "green slush fund" so they can be sent to the RCMP.

Government House leader Karina Gould called on Speaker Greg Fergus to reject opposition parties' claim that the government violated MPs' parliamentary privilege by refusing to provide them with unfettered access to thousands of documents regarding the fund, Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC).

"Mr. Speaker, we are in uncharted territory with this matter," Gould said in the Commons on Wednesday. "The House has exceeded its authority in ordering the production of documents not for its own use or the use of members of Parliament, but rather exclusive to, and for the use of, a third party."

On Monday, Conservative House leader Andrew Scheer accused the government of disobeying an order from MPs and asked Fergus to find that the government appeared to be in contempt of the wide-ranging powers of the House of Commons.

"The government has disobeyed a lawful order of this House. It has failed to provide all of the papers which were formally required by this House and, in so responding, many papers were altered or outright suppressed through the redaction process," Scheer said.

Both the Bloc Québécois and NDP have since supported his call for Fergus to rule that the government appeared to have violated MPs' parliamentary privilege.

The Speaker is now tasked with ruling on the issue that is becoming a serious test of the limits of the constitutional powers of the House of Commons. If he finds that the government appears to have violated MPs' privilege, it will be up to MPs to decide next steps.

That finding could also set the stage for an exceptional legal battle between the government and Speaker over the House of Commons jurisdiction.

At issue is the government's response to a June 10 motion adopted by the House of Commons ordering the public service, the auditor general and SDTC — rebranded as the "green slush fund" by Conservatives — to provide all documents on the troubled fund to the Commons law clerk, Michel Bédard.

The motion called for Bédard to submit the records to the RCMP, though it doesn't specify what the police force should do with them.

What makes the motion exceptional is that the documents were not ordered as part of a regular parliamentary proceeding like a study by a House committee, but simply so that they can be passed on to the RCMP.

The National Post has previously reported that in the following months, over a dozen government departments and agencies either provided redacted documents or simply refused to comply with the order.

That included Auditor General Karen Hogan, who notified the House of Commons in July that she would not comply because it could compromise her office's work. She also noted that if the RCMP wants her files, it can seek a production order to obtain them legally.

On Monday, Scheer pointed out that parliamentary privilege grants the House of Commons tremendous power when it comes to fulfilling its duties. That includes an absolute and unfettered ability to send for documents, he noted.

But Gould countered that ordering documents simply to pass them on to the RCMP is not a duty of the House of Commons. Rather, she said, it's a drastic overreach by parliamentarians that is akin to them deciding what police should investigate.

"I think this exceeds the jurisdiction of Parliament, because we have a separation between branches of government that should and must continue. The fact of this motion would run roughshod over that separation of powers should be of extreme concern to all Canadians," she said in an interview.

If Fergus agrees with opposition parties that the government violated an order, Gould suggested that MPs should refer questions on parliamentary privilege to a Commons committee.

In a letter to House of Commons law clerk Michel Bédard in late July, RCMP Commissioner Mike Duheme said it was "highly unlikely" that any records obtained through the motion could be used in a criminal investigation because it could be considered a breach of a suspect's Charter rights.

Bloc Québécois House leader Alain Therrien said Wednesday that the RCMP could refuse the documents for all he cared, so long as the government bent to the will of the House and provided the unredacted records.

National Post



ADRIAN WYLD / THE CANADIAN PRESS

House Speaker Greg Fergus is tasked with ruling on the limits of the constitutional powers of the House.

Number of international students to be reduced

MILLER

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"We are calling on the Liberal government to drop this plan, and instead, deal with the backlog of asylum claims that their failed policies have created," he said online.

Higgs campaign spokesperson Steve Outhouse said Miller was the one playing politics.

"It is more than a little rich for a Liberal minister who called three premiers 'idiots' to complain that Premier Higgs is politicizing an issue," he said.

Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston also rejected any movement of asylum claimants to his province. On Wednesday, he defended his comments and said it was about standing up for his province.

"In the last few weeks, federal Liberals called Nova Scotians 'EI folks' and 'idiots.' It shows what they really think of people here and it's entirely condescending. We stood up to the federal government on the carbon tax, asylum seekers and numerous other files. I'm standing up for the people of our province — the rest of the Liberal MPs from Nova Scotia should do the same," the Conservative premier said in a statement.

Miller on Wednesday said the three premiers' comments were based on hypothetical numbers that were created by a working group of immigration ministers from across the country.

He said it was simply a calculation of the number of asylum claimants Canada has seen divided by the share of a province's population.

"There was a lot of good faith at that table, but, sadly, three particularly Conservative ministers have stood up, the premiers of Nova Scotia, of New Brunswick and Alberta, and decided to weaponize this working group," he said.

He said premiers had previously all agreed that it was unfair to have Quebec and Ontario carry so much of the burden of caring for asylum seekers.

He said he had hoped the working group would help address this issue, but it was never the government's plan to force asylum seekers to other provinces or to do so without compensation to those provinces.

"Let me restate: Ontario and Quebec are doing more than their fair share and the other provinces need to step up. But there was no point in time where anyone said that the federal government was going to impose 1,000s of asylum seekers on unprepared provinces."

On Thursday, Higgs called an election for Oct. 21. Nova Scotians will go to the polls in 2025, and Smith faces a party leadership review later this year. Miller said those political concerns were driving the premiers' comments.

Miller's main announcement on Wednesday was a reduction in the number of international students Canada would accept.

The government put the first cap on the program last year, reducing the number to 485,000.

Miller said the number for 2025 and 2026 will be reduced by a further 10 per cent, down to 437,000.

He also included graduate students under the cap for the first time and announced there will be more changes to post-graduate work permits.

Miller said he knows the cap has led to turbulence for schools, but he is trying to send a clear message that the number of students won't grow again.

"If they adjust their practices, get quality students, make sure those students have the means to stay here, that's fine," he said.

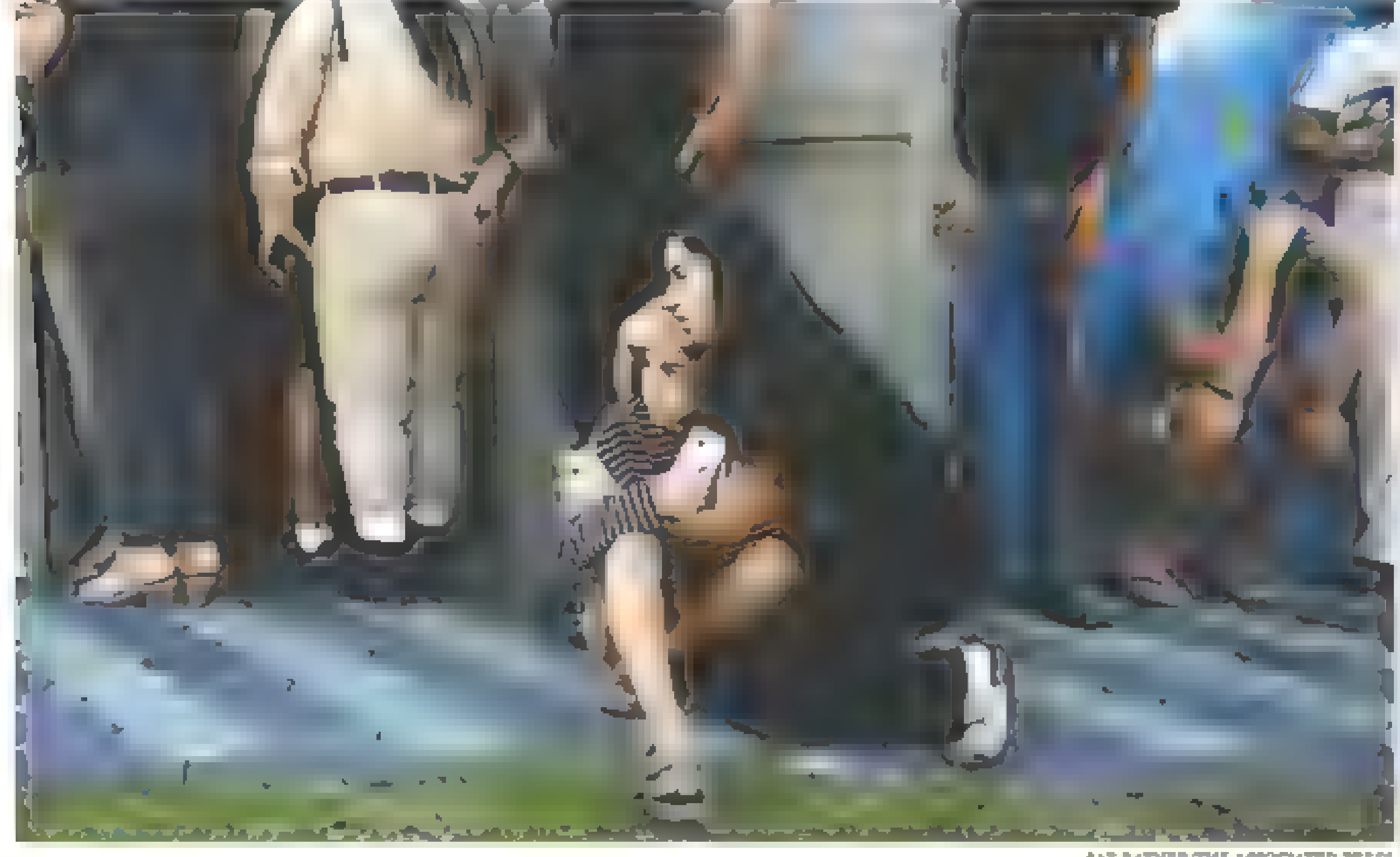
"But when it comes to the numerical amount of students that come into this country, we fixed that cap."

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Marc Miller



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Israelis take cover in Nahariya as sirens sound a warning of incoming rockets fired from Lebanon on Thursday.

Hezbollah leader vows 'punishment' for attacks

PAGER EXPLOSIONS

Kareem Chehayeb and Bassem Mroue

BEIRUT • The leader of Hezbollah vowed to keep up daily strikes on Israel despite this week's mass bombing attack on its communication devices, and said Israelis displaced by the fighting from homes near the Lebanon border would not be able to return until the war in Gaza ends.

Hezbollah and Israel launched fresh attacks across the border as Hassan Nasrallah spoke for the first time since the deadly device bombings he described as a "severe blow" — and for which he promised to retaliate.

The two days of attacks targeting thousands of Hezbollah pagers and walkie talkies have been widely blamed on Israel, heightening fears that 11 months of near-daily exchanges of fire between Hezbollah and Israel will escalate into all-out war.

During the speech, Hezbollah struck at least four times in northern Israel, and two Israeli soldiers were killed in a strike earlier on Thursday.

Israeli warplanes flew low over Beirut while Nasrallah spoke and broke the sound barrier, scattering birds and prompting people in houses and offices to quickly open windows to prevent them from shattering.

Israel also launched attacks in southern Lebanon on Thursday, though it was not immediately clear if there were any casualties.

In recent weeks, Israeli leaders have stepped up warnings of a potential larger military operation against Hezbollah, saying they are determined to stop the group's fire to allow tens of thousands of Israelis to return to homes near the border.

In a Thursday briefing, the Israeli defence minister said Hezbollah would "pay an increasing price" as Israel seeks to make conditions near its border with Lebanon safe enough for residents displaced by the fighting to return.

"The sequence of our military actions will continue," he said.

The attack using electronic devices appeared to be the culmination of a months-long operation by Israel to target as many Hezbollah members as possible all at once — but civilians were also hit. At least 37 people were killed and some 3,000 wounded in the explosions Tuesday and Wednesday.

Nasrallah said the group is investigating how the bombings were carried out.

"Yes, we were subjected to a huge and severe blow," he said.

"The enemy crossed all boundaries and red lines," he said. Pointing to the number of pagers and walkie-talkies, he accused Israel of intending to kill thousands of people at one time. "The enemy will face a severe and fair punishment from where they expect and don't expect."

He said Hezbollah will continue its barrages into northern Israel as long as the war in Gaza continues, vowing that Israel will not be able to bring its people back to the border region.

The Associated Press

Israeli accused of helping Iran plot assassinations

Targets included PM Netanyahu, Israel says

Israeli authorities last month arrested a Jewish Israeli businessman on suspicion of having met with Iranian intelligence operatives and assisting them in planning high-profile assassinations, including of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel Security Agency revealed on Thursday.

He was named as Moti Maman, 73, from the southern coastal city of Ashkelon.

He visited Iran twice in recent months, where he demanded $1 million as a down payment for a series of missions, according to the Shin Bet, Israel's security agency.

These included recruiting and paying other agents and gathering intelligence for the assassination of Israeli senior politicians, including Netanyahu, former prime minister Naftali Bennett, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant and Shin Bet head Ronen Bar, the report said.

It did not indicate whether the suspect had confessed to any of the allegations.

The man had lived in Turkey for an extended period and travelled there for some of his meetings with Iranian intelligence operatives, according to the report.

It named two Turkish men, Andrey Faruk Aslan and Junayed Aslan, as Iranian intelligence assets who arranged the meetings.

Originally, the suspect had travelled to Iran to meet with a man named Eddie for a business proposition that turned into a recruitment attempt, according to the Shin Bet.

The suspect was paid at least €5,000 ($7,557) for agreeing to travel to Iran, which is illegal for Israeli citizens.

On Tuesday, the agency revealed it had thwarted a second attempt by Hezbollah to assassinate a former senior security official.

According to the agency, the attack involved an explosive device and was intended to be carried out in the coming days.

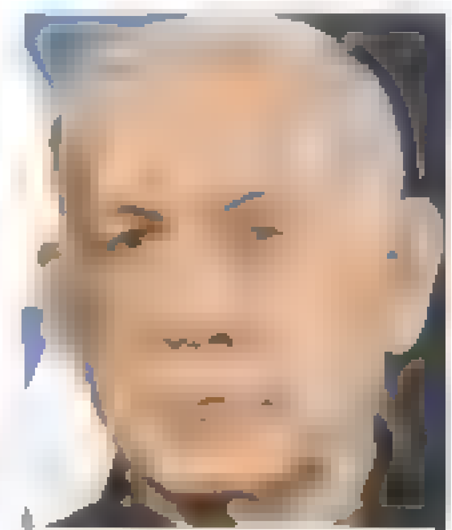
Arab media reported on Wednesday that the intended target of the bombing was retired Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi, who was the IDF chief of staff between 2019 and 2023.

Hezbollah operatives surveilled the retired military leader at a "sports facility" he used to frequent in Tel Aviv, according to the reports.

Also on Wednesday, the Israel Police revealed that in September 2023 Hezbollah had tried to assassinate former Israeli defence minister and IDF chief of staff Moshe Ya'alon via a remotely detonated bomb in Tel Aviv's Yarkon Park.

The report about the suspected Iranian spy did not tie him to that incident.

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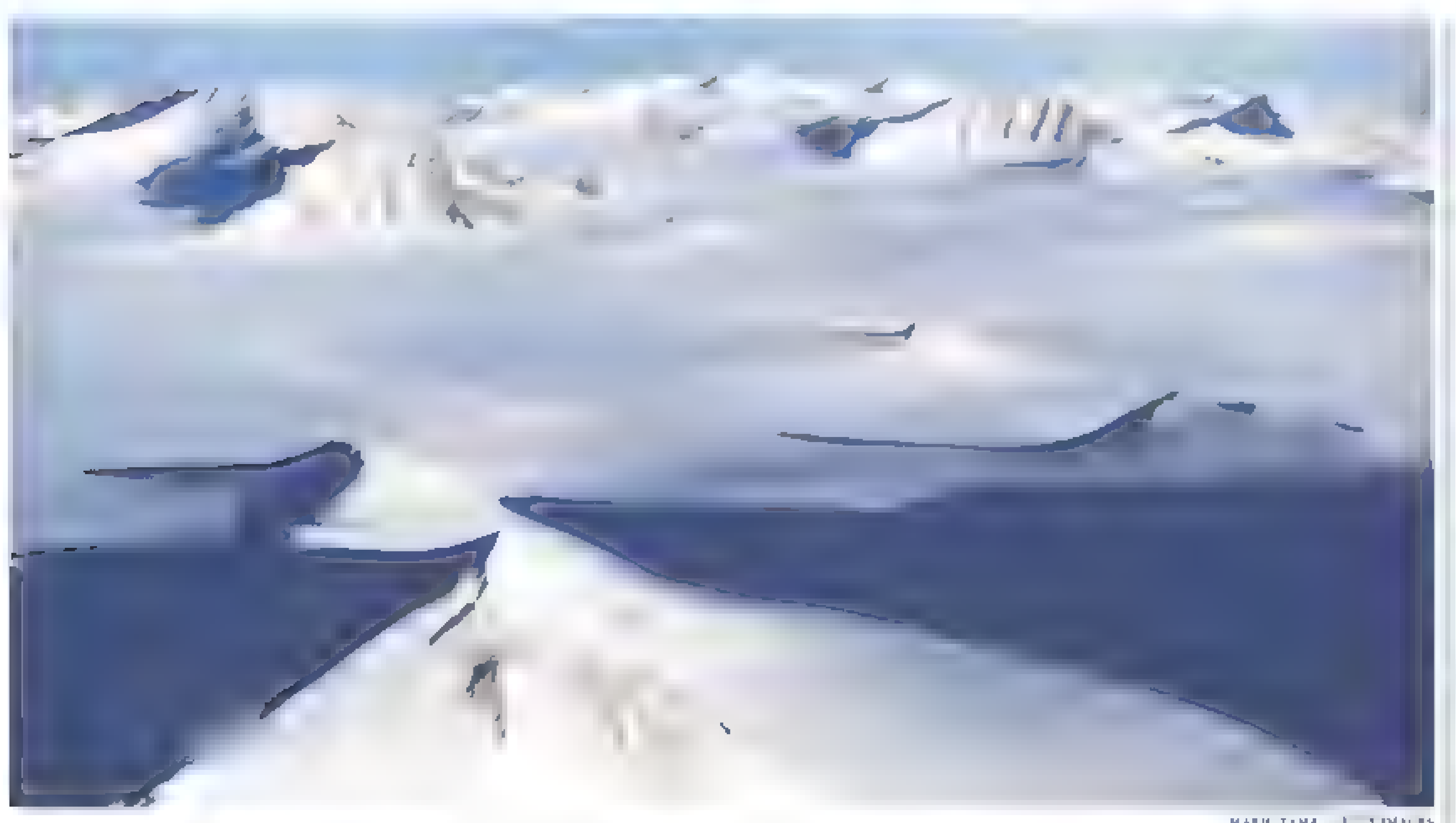


Benjamin Netanyahu

YUKON

OFFICER CLEARED IN 2022 FATAL SHOOTING AT AIRPORT

Independent investigators have cleared a Yukon police officer in a 2022 fatal shooting of a man who was threatening others at an airport with a rifle. In a report released by the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team, investigators say an officer who shot the man at Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport was "acting properly in the execution of his duties." The shooting happened on Nov. 24, 2022, when a man with a rifle followed an airline employee past a security gate at the airport, pointed the gun at another person and pulled the trigger. The rifle did not fire, and the man pointed the rifle at his own chin and pulled the trigger, again it failed to fire a shot. The report says the suspect then attacked a tractor driver, punching him and hitting the man with the rifle before following the driver into a hangar and firing at least one round into the air. It says when RCMP then arrived on the scene the suspect ignored orders to stop and drop the weapon, then told police to shoot him before one officer fired two shots, killing the man. *The Canadian Press*



MARIO TAMA / GETTY IMAGES

Retired generals and experts speaking this week at a security forum say Canada risks losing control of the Far North without a military presence there or resource development to deter incursions by Russia, China and others.

'No sense of urgency' on Arctic defence

FORMER NORAD CHIEF WONDERS IF CANADA'S PLAN IS MERE LIP SERVICE

Tom Blackwell

As Canada and the U.S. focused in recent years on the "away game" of fighting terrorism in far-flung nations, Russia and China continued to target North America — and found a continent woefully unprepared for the threat, recently retired generals and other experts warned this week.

At a Mackenzie Institute forum on security in the Arctic on Wednesday in Toronto, speakers argued that Canada needs to urgently boost its lagging investment in defence — or see its control of the Far North slip away to foreign adversaries.

An actual military presence in the Arctic — which makes up 40 per cent of Canada — plus transportation infrastructure and resource development that benefit local Indigenous populations are necessary to counter growing incursions by Russia, China and others, the experts said.

But there's little sign the Trudeau government is committed to giving more than lip service to such challenges, they said.

An updated defence policy the Liberals released in the spring, along with promises to buy new fighter jets and submarines, is the right idea, but must actually be implemented, said retired U.S. Gen. Glen Vanherck, who until early this year commanded the North American Aerospace Defence Command (Norad).

"I look forward to seeing those actions but there's not a history of (Canada) taking those actions," Vanherck said in an interview before giving the conference's keynote address.

"There is no sense of urgency, for the most part, from the leadership of the government of Canada," he said. "It is easy to say we're going to buy F-35 (fighter jets), we're going to buy submarines. But with that comes a lot of requirements to build infrastructure, set up logistics pipelines, set up training pipelines. And my question is, is Canada ready to do that?"

Retired Canadian Gen. Andrew Leslie, a Liberal MP from 2015 to 2019 after leading the Canadian Army, was less diplomatic.

Alliances like Norad and NATO are particularly important with authoritarian leaders like Russia's Vladimir Putin "on the prowl," but Canada's part in those groups is "sorely lacking," he said.

"You have to contribute your fair share and, quite frankly, Canada, over the last nine to 10 years, has not done so," said Leslie. "There's one issue that seems to galvanize and unify (U.S.) Republicans and Democrats, both in the House of Representatives and the Senate. That is their concern and dismay over Canada's paltry contributions to international peace and security and the unacceptable — and I'll use that word again, unacceptable — levels of money spent on defence capability."

The Army is short 16,000 personnel, he added, while "70 per cent of the army's vehicles don't work because they're either waiting for spare parts or they don't have the mechanics to fix them. Half our Navy's fleet, their ships can't actually set sail because they don't have the sailors or the spare parts to get them out of port."

The Conservatives do not have a much better record on supporting the military, suggested Leona Alleslev, a former MP who crossed the floor from the Liberals to the Tories. That means that Canadian citizens, companies and think tanks need to push for "nation building" in the North to help protect it, said Alleslev, a former air force officer.

The conference centred around concerns that as climate change makes the Arctic more navigable for ships, countries such as Russia, which has recently rebuilt numerous Arctic bases, and China, which declares itself a "near-arctic" nation despite being thousands of kilometres away are sending increasing numbers of military vessels and aircraft into the region.

Those incursions are part of broader attempts by those adversaries to challenge North America, some speakers said.

The 9/11 attacks led to an emphasis on the "away game" — fighting terrorists and other enemies overseas to ensure they don't become a bigger threat at home, said retired Major-Gen. Scott Clancy, who was director of operations for Norad until 2021.

The U.S. Defense Department "is focused on fighting the away game, hamstringing the commander of Norad, U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) and belying the vulnerability of our homeland," Clancy said.

"As the Middle East missions evolved — ISIS, al-Qaida, the Taliban, whatever it was — Russia began flexing its muscles with each and every incursion into the air defence identification zones of Canada and the United States. They approach our coastlines from all sides. They still do. And the most recent incursions ... include Chinese aircraft along with them. I have long said, where you see the intersection of Russian and Chinese interests, especially in military co-operation, we should be worried."

While Russian planes can get to U.S. airspace in Alaska within about half an hour, it would take the nearest F-22 Raptor, an American fighter jet, two hours to get to the same spot at full speed, he said.

Vanherck, Clancy's former boss at Norad, echoed his warnings, saying the notion that Russia is a "paper tiger" because of its slog of a war in Ukraine is misguided. "In my three-and-a-half years in command of Norad and NORTHCOM, what I saw was exactly the opposite," he said. "Strategically, they deployed more, they deployed more bombers, they deployed more submarines ... They're still very capable, with the world's largest nuclear arsenal and hypersonic weapons."

That said, speakers argued that it's unlikely Russia or China would actually try to invade the Canadian Arctic, or otherwise attack North America. Their goal is more to impose themselves in the region with resource development and infrastructure like ports and roads, they said.

There are reports of Indigenous organizations and other authorities in the North, for instance, being offered major funding from Chinese interests, said Brian Hay, the Mackenzie president.

"The actions that are ongoing are for influence — Russian influence, Chinese influence," said Vanherck. "They're seeking to change international law norms, get after resources through claims that put them in a better position globally, economically, diplomatically, than they are today ... This is about influence and changing the world order."

Russia at least purports to want peace in the region because of its ambitions to exploit the Arctic economically, said Alison LeClaire, Canada's ambassador to Moscow from 2020 to 2023, and its top Arctic official before that.

Already, the country derives as much as 20 per cent of its GDP from Arctic development, she said, compared to less than one per cent in Canada.

"The reality is that everybody wants into the Arctic, and it's ours to protect," she said. "We need to stand up for ourselves and be present."

National Post

(National Post was a media sponsor of the Mackenzie Institute event, and Tom Blackwell moderated part of the discussion.)



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A ranger stands guard with a rifle on Allen Bay in Resolute, Nunavut, during a training exercise.

Stolen Churchill photo on its way home

HEADED TO CANADA

Andrea Rosa and Giada Zampano

ROME • Canadian and Italian dignitaries on Thursday marked the successful recovery of a photo portrait of Winston Churchill known as The Roaring Lion, stolen in Canada and recovered in Italy after a two-year search by police.

At a ceremony at the Canadian Embassy in Rome, Italian carabinieri police handed over the portrait to the Canadian ambassador to Italy, Elissa Goldberg, who praised the co-operation between Italian and Canadian investigators that led to the recovery.

The 1941 portrait of the British leader taken by Ottawa photographer Yousuf Karsh is now ready for the last step of its journey home to the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, the hotel in Ottawa where it was stolen and will once again be displayed as a notable historic portrait.

Canadian police said the portrait was stolen from the hotel sometime between Christmas 2021 and Jan. 6, 2022, and replaced with a forgery. The swap was only uncovered months later, in August, when a hotel worker noticed the frame was not hung properly and looked different than the others.

Nicola Cassinelli, a lawyer in Genoa, Italy, purchased the portrait in May 2022 at an online Sotheby's auction for 5,292 British pounds. He says he got a phone call from the auction house that October advising him not to sell or otherwise transfer the portrait due to an investigation into the Ottawa theft.

Cassinelli, who attended Thursday's ceremony, said he thought he was buying a regular print and agreed to send the iconic Churchill photograph home when he learned its true story.

"I immediately decided to return it to the Chateau Laurier, because I think that if Karsh donated it to the hotel, it means he really wanted it to stay there, for the particular significance this hotel had for him, and for his wife too," Cassinelli told The Associated Press.

The famous image was taken by Karsh during Churchill's wartime visit to Parliament in December 1941. It helped launch Karsh's career, who photographed some of the 20th century's most famed icons, including Nelson Mandela, Albert Einstein and Queen Elizabeth.

Karsh and his wife Estrellita gifted an original signed print to the Fairmont Chateau Laurier in 1998. The couple had lived and operated a studio inside the hotel for nearly two decades.

Genevieve Dumas, general manager of the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, said on Thursday she felt grateful.

"I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to everybody involved in solving this case, and ensuring the safe return of this priceless piece of history."

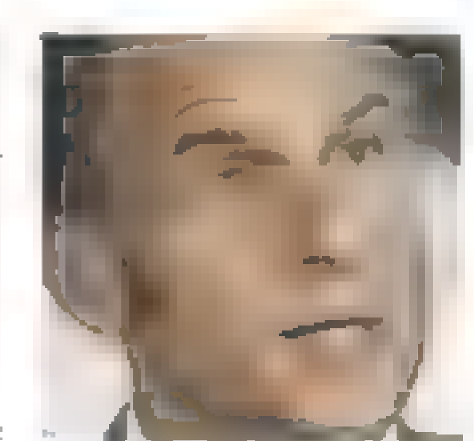
Police arrested a 43-year-old man from Powassan, Ont., in April and have charged him with stealing and trafficking the portrait. The man, whose name is protected by a publication ban, faces charges that include forgery and theft over $5,000.

The Associated Press

FRANCE

MACRON TO VISIT OTTAWA, MONTREAL NEXT WEEK

French President Emmanuel Macron will visit Canada next week after a planned trip in July was cancelled amid political turmoil in France. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Thursday that Macron, shown, will be in Canada Wednesday and Thursday after the leaders attend the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. Trudeau will welcome Macron in Ottawa on Wednesday, where



they are expected to discuss issues including their ongoing support for Ukraine. They are also expected to discuss ways to strengthen the response to emerging threats, such as disinformation. In Montreal, Trudeau intends to show off the city's artificial intelligence sector, while both countries reaffirm their commitment to work with counterparts on responsible use of AI. *The Canadian Press*

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT MEDJUGORJE

1

APPROVAL FOR DEVOTION

The Vatican on Thursday offered approval for devotion at one of the most contested sites of modern-day Roman Catholic practice, endorsing Catholics to continue flocking to a southern Bosnian village where children reported seeing visions of the Virgin Mary.

2

VIRGIN MARY APPEARS

Catholics have been making pilgrimages to Medjugorje, in southern Bosnia, since six children and teenagers reported seeing visions of the Madonna there in 1981. Some of those original "seers" have claimed the visions have occurred regularly since then, and that Mary sends them messages. By some counts, the Virgin Mary has appeared more than 40,000 times.



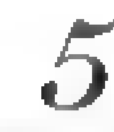
NEVER BEEN AUTHENTICATED

Unlike at the more well-known Catholic sanctuaries in Fatima, Portugal or Lourdes, France, the alleged apparitions at Medjugorje have never been declared authentic by the Vatican. Pope Francis has expressed doubts about the messages, saying "I prefer Our Lady to be a mother, our mother, and not a telegraph operator who sends out a message every day at a certain time."

4

SPIRITUAL FRUITS JUSTIFY

On Thursday, after nearly 15 years of study, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith ruled that the positive "spiritual fruits" stemming from the Medjugorje experience more than justified allowing the faithful to organize pilgrimages there and permit public acts of devotion.



STATUS OF SITE UNCHANGED

The decision, however, does not change Medjugorje's status. In its ruling, the Vatican doctrine office noted it is no longer in the business of authenticating alleged apparitions. Instead, it will issue a noncommittal doctrinal green light, a so-called "nihil obstat," which means there is nothing about the event that is contrary to the faith, and therefore Catholics can express devotion to it.

The Associated Press



ARMIN DURGUT / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A pilgrim offers a prayer at the statue of the Virgin Mary in Medjugorje, Bosnia, on Thursday. Catholics have been making pilgrimages to the site since six children and teens reported seeing visions of the Madonna there in 1981.

Titan malfunctioned days before Titanic dive

Pilot crashed into bulkhead during incident

The scientific director for the company that owned the Titan submersible that imploded last year while on its way to the Titanic wreckage testified Thursday that the sub had malfunctioned just prior to the fatal dive.

Appearing before a U.S. Coast Guard panel Thursday, Steven Ross told the board about a platform issue the experimental submersible experienced in June 2023, days before it imploded on its way to the Titanic site. The malfunction caused passengers on board the submersible to "tumble about," and it took an hour to get them out of the water.

The submersible pilot, OceanGate co-founder Stockton Rush, crashed into bulkheading during the malfunction, Ross said.

"One passenger was hanging upside down. The other two managed to wedge themselves into the bow end cap," Ross said, adding that he did not know if an assessment of the Titan hull was performed after the incident.

Earlier Thursday, Renata Rojas, a mission specialist for the company, told the U.S. Coast Guard the firm was staffed by competent people who wanted to "make dreams come true."

An investigatory panel had previously listened to two days of testimony that raised questions about the company's operations before the doomed mission. Rush was among five people who died when the submersible imploded en route to the site of the Titanic wreck in June 2023.

Rojas's testimony struck a different tone than some of the earlier witnesses, who described the company as troubled from the top down and focused more on profit than science or safety.

> I KNEW WHAT I WAS DOING WAS VERY RISKY. I NEVER AT ANY POINT FELT UNSAFE BY THE OPERATION.

"I was learning a lot and working with amazing people," Rojas said. "Some of those people are very hardworking individuals that were just trying to make dreams come true."

Rojas also said she believed the company was sufficiently transparent during the run-up to the Titanic dive. Her testimony was emotional at times, with the panel proposing a brief break at one point so she could collect herself.

Rojas is a member of the Explorers Club, which lost members Hamish Harding and Paul Henri Nargeolet in the Titan implosion. The club described Rush as "a friend of The Explorers Club" after the implosion.

"I knew what I was doing was very risky. I never at any point felt unsafe by the operation," Rojas said in testimony Thursday.

Earlier this month, the Coast Guard opened the public hearing that is part of a high-level investigation into the cause of the implosion.

Investigators also released underwater footage of the submersible wreck. The footage shows the submersible's tail cone and other debris on the ocean floor.

During the hearing, former OceanGate operations director David Lochridge said he frequently clashed with Rush and felt the company was committed only to making money.

"There was very little in the way of science," he testified.

Coast Guard officials noted at the start of the hearing that the submersible had not been independently reviewed, as is standard practice.

The Associated Press

'Cult' leaders convicted in child labour case

KANSAS CITY

BEN BRASCH

High-ranking members of a group that a judge has previously termed a "cult" were convicted Monday of taking children from their parents and forcing them into unpaid labour, squalid living conditions and disciplinary beatings.

Six leaders of the United Nation of Islam were convicted of conspiracy to commit forced labour, and one was convicted of six additional forced labour of minors charges. Two others previously pleaded guilty to the same charge, which covers actions spanning from 2000 to 2012.

The Kansas City, Kan., organization promised to safely house and teach children, some as young as eight, from across the country.

"Instead, the defendants betrayed this trust, exploiting young children in the organization by callously compelling their labour," Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division said in the prosecutor announcement.

The group kept children in overcrowded rooms, limited their food and communication to their families, and harshly punished them, including physical abuse, prosecutors said.

Kaaba Majeed, 50, faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. The five others face up to five years in prison. Majeed's attorney W. Scott Toth told The Washington Post on Wednesday he plans to ask the court for a new trial but declined to explain on what grounds.

The other five group members convicted this week are Yanus Rassoul, James Staton, Randolph Rodney Hadley, Daniel Aubrey Jenkins and Dana Peach.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Crabtree referred to the group as a "cult" in May 2018, when he ordered the group to pay US$8 million to a woman it trafficked for a decade and shipped against her will to work for free in the group's bakeries and restaurants.

The group's origins begin in 1978 when, according to its founder, the late Royall Jenkins, he "was abducted by angels who transported him through the galaxy in a spaceship and instructed him how to rule on Earth," according to an indictment from October 2021. Jenkins died in 2021 of complications from COVID-19, according to court records.

The defendants are scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 18.

The Washington Post

Woman spends hours in 13-foot python's coiled grip

THAILAND

JENNIFER HASSAN

Arom Arunroj was cleaning the dishes at her home in Thailand when she was bitten by what she first assumed was a cockroach. But as she looked down, she realized that she had been attacked not by an insect but a python, which rapidly began constricting her.

She would spend almost two hours trapped with the snake coiled around her, despite her cries for help.

Video footage released by police of the incident Tuesday night shows rescue workers arriving to help free the 64-year-old.

"Is the snake underneath you?" a rescuer worker asks her as he arrives at the scene in Samut Prakan, south of Bangkok. "Yes," she replies. The rescuer advises Arom not to move. "The more you move, the tighter the snake will constrict," he says.

It took emergency responders 30 minutes to free Arom from the snake's clutches, according to the Bangkok Post, which reported that the python was 13 feet long and weighed at least 44 pounds. According to the paper, the woman suffered several bite wounds.

"I fought with it for quite a while," Arom told rescuers in the video after she was led to safety. "Since around half past 8."

"How many hours has it been? It's 10 p.m. now," a man can be heard saying.

The Bangkok Post reported that the house is next to a reed forest.

The Washington Post



SUWAKET THANAWITHAIKUN / AP PHOTO

A python coiled itself around Arom Arunroj's torso, squeezing her down to the floor of her kitchen.

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FOSCOLOS, Anthony

May 15, 1930 - Sep 13, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Anthony Foscolos announces his peaceful passing at the age of 94 on September 13 2024. A Private Funeral Service will be held at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. The Foscolos family would like to thank the staff at the Agape Hospice for all their support. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to The Agape Hospice (1302 8 Ave NW Calgary, AB, T2N 1B8). Photos memories and condolences may be shared with Anthony's family through www.evanjstrong.com





KOPP, Louis

1929 – 2024

Mr. Louis Kopp of Calgary, beloved husband of the late Mrs. Mary Kopp passed away peacefully at Edith Cavell Care Centre on Saturday September 14, 2024, at the age of 94 years

Born in Granlea, Alberta to Louis and Aneska Kopp in 1929 Louis was the oldest of 9 children. He worked for Trans Canada Pipelines from 1956 until 1994, when he retired. He met Mary and they were married shortly after in 1958, they were together until her passing in 2011. Louis and Mary had 4 children together. Louis was always an active member of the communities he was a part of, from his work with the Rotary Club, to his volunteer work. He was always willing to donate to a worthy cause. He had many hobbies which included, curling, gardening, coin collecting, and he was always a bit of a rock hound

Louis is survived by his daughters Darcia, Kathleen, son Benjamin grandchildren Vicki, Sean, Melanie Ronald, Tim, William, great grandchildren Anna-Belle, Talon Quinn, and Casey

Besides his loving wife Mary, Louis was predeceased by his parents and his son David

A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at Martin Brothers Riverview Chapel, 610-4th Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta, with Reverend Trevor Potter, officiating

Cremation has been entrusted to Martin Brothers Funeral Chapels

Visit www.mbfunerals.com to send a condolence

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LENS, Tami (Shorty)

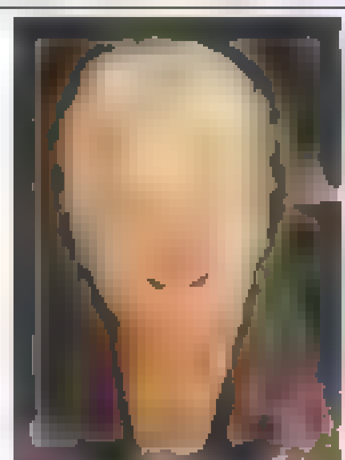
Dec 17, 1929 - Sep 17, 2024

Tami (Shorty) has gone to be with her boys. Shorty has constantly expressed her overwhelming gratitude and appreciation for the support, love and kindness everyone has shown her over the years. Heartfelt thanks to you all. In lieu of flowers and cards, please take time to have a cup of tea with people that are important to you

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"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage."

Obituaries



KINGSTON, Wendy Diane (Banks)

October 17, 1941 - September 10, 2024

OUR BRILLANT JOYFUL LOVING RAY OF SUNSHINE HAS PASSED

Her brilliance radiates onwards with all the children, parents and teachers who were very fortunate to enjoy her love of teaching Kindergarten, which provided all the basic values and experiences in learning that children needed to know to succeed in life. Her calling was teaching young children. To know her was to love and trust her, and wish to please her through giving one's absolute best efforts.

Her authenticity and brilliance inspired, empowered, provided positive optimistic feminine role modeling, which expected the best from family, children friends and all fortunate to be in 'Wendy's World!'

Her impact in mentoring, leading, organizing, and volunteering to advance Early Childhood Education (ECE), included significant roles with UofA, UofC, then her exemplary, cooperative Briar Hill / Hounsfield Hills Community Kindergarten/ECE, and leading the successful formation of the Calgary Community ECE Association.

Then, in 1988, her zest for life and curiosity formed our wonderful partnership in resuming the pursuit of life and full-time fresh challenges through international and professional sport opportunities. 'Travels with Wendy' brought many life-long friendships and now, many recent tributes lauding her warmth, love, joy radiance, vibrance, infectious enthusiasm, laughter, optimism, empathy, which attested to her significant impact upon athletes, wives of athletes and coaches and many of the various people we met in some 50 plus years of our global road trip towards being International citizens.

Wendy was predeceased by very special Family members. Father, Ben Banks, Mother, Laura Banks (Lindsay), Brother, Senator Tommy Banks, Niece, Tobyn Banks Family Legacy. Son, Kevin (Paula Craig), Daughter, Erin. Grandchildren Fenner, Hewitt, Siena, Declan. Brothers, Jim (Helen), Terry (Mary), and John Sisters-in-Law, Ida, Lil, Nieces, Samantha, Kerri and Kim, Nephews, Ben Steven and Chris, and, most fortunate of all is Husband, George, who lived in a 63-year 'Fairy Tale Marriage of the Goddess and the Farm Boy!' (plus 8-years of dating to prove himself worthy)! Wendy was immensely proud of Kevin and Erin in their lives and contributions.

So why 'Goddess'? Her moral compass embodied, and globally supported justice, fairness, equality, human rights, tolerance, and all the best values for humanity. Mainly, she was a quiet force, however, when her expectation for responsible, respectful behavior and problem solving was lacking, she was a 'kick a**' activist to respectfully have children, people, organizations, 'walk the walk'. Her older brother, Tommy, was a musical genius and exemplary role model: Wendy was his match in her life lived and both were tributes to their remarkable parents.

Special Thanks to all our great friends for helping Wendy cope successfully through her last 7 plus years of her journey battling the devastatingly cruel irony of Aphasia. She had been a voracious reader, literary aficionado, bookstore ('salon') owner to fulfill her love of all things resonating words.

Wendy - "Support Public Education to Help ALL Children Create a Better World of Unity while embracing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion With No One Marginalized."



NEWTON, Catherine Germaine "Gerry" (née Brown)

"Sep 13, 1938 - Sep 3, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Catherine Germaine Newton, affectionately known as Gerry, who passed away at the age of 85 on September 3 2024, at South Health Campus Hospital in Calgary, Alberta. Born in Vancouver, BC, on September 13, 1938, and raised in Wells, BC. Gerry lived a life full of love, family, and accomplishments.

Gerry married the love of her life, Lloyd Smith Newton, in April 5, 1957. Together, they shared 65 beautiful years of marriage until Lloyd's passing in 2022. During their life together, they built not only a family but also a legacy through their entrepreneurial spirit. Gerry and Lloyd successfully founded Newton's Fine Dry Cleaning and Carnmoney Golf Course, making a lasting impact on their community.

A devoted mother, Gerry is survived by her five daughters: Catherine, Margaret, Naomi, Nicole, Colleen, Marie (predeceased). Her legacy continues through her 26 grandchildren and 50 great-grandchildren, all of whom she adored and cherished. Gerry was also a loving sister to her siblings Jackie, Colleen, Alec, Leo, Greg, Bernice, Anne and Malcom (predeceased).

Gerry was a woman of many talents and passions. She had an eye for business but also a heart for creativity. A talented artist, she loved painting and expressing herself through her work. She enjoyed golf, skiing, gardening, and sewing, and she delighted in bringing her family together for dinners and special occasions. Her generosity, warmth, and unwavering presence touched the lives of her children and grandchildren. Whether it was a phone call, cheering at a sporting event, or comforting a loved one at a hospital bedside, Gerry was always there when her family needed her most.

Her presence will be deeply missed, but her spirit and love will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.



VOGELGESANG, Edward Arthur (Ed)

Feb 1, 1940 - Jun 30, 2024

Edward Arthur Vogelgesang passed away peacefully in his Calgary home on June 30, 2024, at the age of 84. Born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on February 1, 1940, Ed was the youngest of ten children. He shared nearly 65 years of marriage with his high school sweetheart, Annette (nee Robin), who predeceased him by six months.

Welcomed into his eternal rest by those who have gone before include his parents, five siblings, and his beloved wife. Ed leaves behind a family that grieves deeply for his passing. His children, Catherine Burdett (Danny), Rob (Catherine), Edward (Karren), and Joel (Cheryl), and his treasured grandchildren—Kyle, Shane, Nicole, Madeleine, Brielle, Alexa, Olivia, Jonah, Asher, Ali, and niece AJ—carry forward his legacy of love, humor, and kindness. Ed's extended family, including countless nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors, and colleagues, also mourn his loss.

Ed was a man who touched the lives of everyone he met, leaving an indelible mark with his huge heart, care, and generosity. Whether you were a family member, friend, or colleague, he had a way of making you feel important. He was, without question, the hero of his family and a role model to all who knew him. By age 27, with a wife and four young children, Ed embarked on what would become a remarkable 40+ year career in the petroleum, petrochemical, and mining industries, working across Canada, the United States, and abroad. His professional journey took him on assignments around the world, including Russia, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela, where he served as an Executive sponsor on major projects. His reputation as a well-respected leader in his industry was hard-earned, and his enterprising spirit extended beyond the boardroom.

He will be remembered as a man who lived life fully and gave of himself freely. The family extends their deepest gratitude to the medical staff at South Health Campus and to the caring team at Verve Aspen Woods for their compassionate support during his final two weeks.

A celebration of Ed's life will be on Thursday, October 17th at 10:30am with refreshments to follow at Eden Brook Funeral Home and Cemetery in Calgary. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

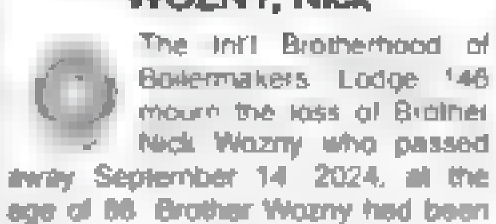
Grief is the price we pay for love



PALMER, Adelle Fay

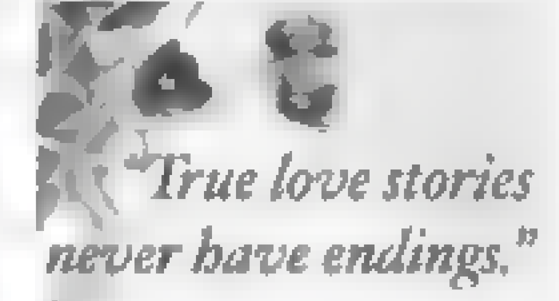
September 13, 1958 - September 13, 2024

Adelle Fay Palmer was born on September 13, 1958, and passed away Friday September 13, 2024, in Calgary, Alberta, at the age of 66 years. She leaves behind Rick, her loving husband of over 44 years, and her 2 kids, Alyssa (Tony) and Adam (Andrew). She is survived by her parents, Lyle and Gill Pittman, siblings Grant (Joyce), Michelle (Don), Heather (Rod), and Paul (Shannon), as well as numerous nieces and nephews, in-laws, and many friends. Adelle was born in Montreal, but came to Alberta as a child and spent the rest of her life here. Once her kids were grown, she and Rick travelled as often as they were able to, experiencing numerous countries in Europe, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, and most recently, visiting Japan. She loved to sit in the Jardin du Luxembourg in Paris near the flowers, reading a book and people watching. When they weren't travelling, Adelle loved spending time in the Rocky Mountains, hiking, camping and running. She was an original member at CrossFit Calgary. Adelle was a fabulous chef, passing on her talent to her kids, creating many family classic recipes, and hosting numerous dinners. While her passing was far too soon, she enjoyed a full life with many adventures, and couldn't ask for anything more. At Adelle's request, no service will be held. Cremation was in care of Foster's Garden Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice. If you wish, please feel free to share your memories of Adelle with her family via the website www.fostersgardenchapel.ca.



WOZNY, Nick

The Int'l Brotherhood of Boilermakers Lodge 146 mourn the loss of Brother Nick Wozny who passed away September 14, 2024, at the age of 86. Brother Wozny had been a loyal member of the Boilermakers Union for 43 years.



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REBEL NEWS LOSES BID TO ACCESS JOURNALISM TAX CREDITS

A Federal Court judge has upheld the government's decision that media outlet Rebel News doesn't qualify for journalism tax credits because it doesn't produce enough original news content. The decision is the latest instalment in a long-running battle between Rebel News — founded by Ezra Levant, shown — and the federal government. The outlet applied in 2021 to be designated a "qualified



Canadian journalism organization," but was rejected by the Canada Revenue Agency, which found that less than one per cent of its content was original. The designation allows news outlets to claim a refundable tax credit on the salaries of newsroom employees. According to the Income Tax Act, eligible organizations must be "engaged in the production of original news content." *The Canadian Press*

DND offers reasons for supply ship price spike

INCREASE NEARS $1B

David Pugliese



SEASPAN

Extra labour costs account for about $500 million of the almost $1-billion price surge in building two supply ships, according to figures provided by the Department of National Defence.

The difficulties encountered in building Canada's new supply ships are behind much of the almost billion-dollar jump in price for the two vessels, federal statistics show.

The actual construction of the two Joint Support Ships for the Royal Canadian Navy was supposed to cost around $2.5 billion, but last month the federal government revealed that cost had now jumped to $3.4 billion.

Extra labour costs account for around $500 million of the increase, according to figures provided by the Department of National Defence.

"This is reflective of the challenges associated with building a large first of class warship," DND spokesman Kened Sadiku said in an email.

The increase in labour costs was "exacerbated by the effects of COVID on production efficiency," he added.

Costs of material also increased because of the pandemic, adding another $260 million, he said.

The rest of the almost billion-dollar increase was blamed on foreign exchange rate fluctuations and adjustments to insurance fees because of the added time needed to build the ships.

Public Services and Procurement Canada confirmed that it signed the contract amendment to give Seaspan — the company awarded the contract to build the ships — the extra money on July 19. But the department didn't make that public until Aug. 2, the Friday before the civic long weekend. PSPC did not explain the reason for waiting until just before the long weekend to announce the significant increase in cost for the ships.

The additional construction fees mean the cost for the two ships is now $6 billion, up from the original estimate by DND in 2020 of $4.1 billion. That budget includes additional infrastructure and project management.

PSPC did not rule out further increases.

In an emailed statement from Seaspan, Leo Martin, senior vice-president of programs at the shipyards, said the building of the first ship, HMCS Protecteur, has been challenging. He blamed the cost increases on the pandemic, labour shortages, inflation and supply chain problems.

He said the company is on track to launch the first ship this year. However, it won't be delivered to the Navy until next year, he added. The second ship will be delivered in 2027.

But the problems and delays with the Joint Support Ship program started long before COVID-19.

The first ship was supposed to arrive in 2012, but the arrival date keeps getting pushed back.

The construction of new ships for the Royal Canadian Navy have seen significant increases in costs as well.

The Canadian Surface Combatant (CSC) program, originally budgeted at $26 billion, has increased to at least $60 billion. DND officials insist the costs on that project to deliver 15 new warships will not go up further. Critics have labelled the CSC project, the largest single purchase in Canadian history, as a bottomless money pit with little accountability or oversight.

The first CSC was originally to be delivered in the early 2020s. In February 2021, DND admitted the delivery of the first vessel wouldn't take place until 2030 or 2031.

The other key naval program is the Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ship project, which is currently delivering vessels. But that project has also faced problems. Some of the vessels have been out of action because of ongoing mechanical failures or have had to return to port because of flooding.

Despite this, defence officials noted the key message to push to the public and news media was that the naval shipbuilding projects were a success, according to a 2020 briefing obtained under access to information law.

The briefing written by Tina Raymond, a DND public affairs official, said the negative views of the naval ship programs were because of problems associated with the building of non-military vessels for the federal government. Projects being handled by DND "demonstrate good stewardship of public funds," she added.

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Joel Fagliano

No. 0816

ACROSS

1 Locale for car chases in "Goldfinger" and "Quantum of Solace"
5 Spiced tea
9 Slowly depletes
13 Not fully value
15 Skedaddle
16 "More to come ..."
17 Hunter on screen
18 English cathedral city
19 Container for the Ten Commandments
20 Libby offerings
22 Connects
24 More spirited
26 Meals that traditionally include four cups of wine
27 Round up
28 The "code" in Walter Isaacson's best-selling 2021 book "The Code Breaker"
29 Hosts
30 Where lines may be drawn in the sand
32 Something to do "criss-cross applesauce"
33 Expeditions, e.g.
34 It's inspired
35 Some facilities
37 Low point: Abbr.
38 Some 3.5 million quotations were gathered for it, for short
39 Italian menu word
40 Had a hankering
43 One known to disappear during work
45 Marked down
46 Trust
47 Tube travelers?
48 Unchanging
49 Cheese also known as French Gruyère
50 That's an order!
53 Forestall
54 Add exaggerated details to
55 Coin once known as the "piece of eight"
56 "Chain Reaction" singer, 1985
57 Mugful on a desk, perhaps

DOWN

1 Good stuff
2 Leave undisturbed
3 Was psychologically manipulative
4 Arch
5 Cranks (out)
6 Toot one's own horn?
7 Amount to
8 "Can't say for certain"
9 Startle
10 "But seriously ..."
11 Czech brew
12 Cluttered quarters
14 Things found in a well
15 Showrunner Rhimes
21 Small towns
23 Broken-off branches
24 Artist Cindy known for her photographic self-portraits
25 Skedaddled
30 Film character who asks "Did you ever think that maybe there's more to life than being really, really, really ridiculously good-looking?"
31 Comes down
32 [I won't repeat myself in this note]
33 Leaf
35 Million ___ March (political event of 2000)
36 Clatter
37 Most densely populated country in Europe
40 Buffs
41 Number of sides for a hendecagon
42 Puts off
44 Wordless part of many songs
47 Components of imperial regalia
49 Limit
51 Text qualifier
52 Word with felt or hot

PUZZLE BY KATE HAWKINS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

S	T	O	O	P	■	C	E	L	E	B	■	S	L	O	W
C	A	N	A	L	■	A	G	O	R	A	■	C	O	V	E
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D	E	R	N	■	C	L	O	U	D	Y	S	K	I	E	S
Q	U	I	T	■	O	G	R	E	S	■	M	I	T	R	E
S	P	A	S	■	M	A	R	L	O	■	E	M	E	N	D

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WATCHDOG PITCHES NEW PENALTIES

A new proposal from the country's transport regulator would charge airlines $790 for each passenger complaint it resolves — regardless of which party wins the dispute. The Canadian Transportation Agency on Wednesday launched a one-month consultation on the proposed reforms, which would apply to valid customer complaints processed and settled by the regulator. The agency estimates it will be able to close just over 22,600 air



travel complaints per year, amounting to roughly $17.9 million in fees charged to airlines. It says the charge aims to cover 60 per cent of the projected $29.8-million annual cost of handling eligible complaints, with expenses stemming largely from salaries and benefits for the agency's resolution officers. The transport agency says its backlog of air travel complaints now sits at a record high of about 78,000. *The Canadian Press*

TD Bank CEO to retire, firm names successor

NAIMUL KARIM

Bharat Masrani will retire as the chief executive of the Toronto-Dominion Bank in April next year after spending more than a decade in the post, the bank said on Thursday.

The announcement comes as Canada's second-largest bank faces a number of regulatory issues. The bank posted a rare loss in its latest quarterly results because it had to keep aside US$2.6 billion to tackle expected fines due to anti-money laundering (AML) issues it is facing in the U.S.

Last week, TD was also ordered to pay about US$28 million by U.S. authorities for repeatedly sharing inaccurate information about its customers with consumer reporting companies.

TD's board of directors has chosen Raymond Chun, group head of the bank's Canadian personal banking unit, as his successor. As part of the succession plan, Chun will be appointed as chief operating officer effective Nov. 1 and will report to Masrani until April. At that point, Masrani will take on an advisory role until November.

"Bharat helped to build TD over almost four decades, and as CEO, he led the bank through a period of profound change in our industry," Alan MacGibbon, TD's chair, said in a statement on Thursday. "The board extends its deep appreciation for Bharat's significant contributions to TD."

Talks about succession planning at TD have intensified on Bay Street after the bank set aside US$2.6 billion to cover any expected fines from the AML probe, which is on top of the US$450 million it set aside in April.

"Succession questions have become even more intense because of the bank's U.S. regulatory issues," National Bank Financial analyst Gabriel Dechaine said in a note last month, suggesting that under normal circumstances, succession would already be in motion with Masrani, 67, having spent 10 years at the helm.

Masrani said he was delighted that Chun was selected as his successor.

"We are navigating a difficult moment, and I am confident that Ray's leadership will successfully guide this great institution into the future," he said in a statement on Thursday.

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Bharat Masrani



U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell's announcement Thursday of a supersized interest rate cut was one of three key moves that augur well for mortgage hunters, Robert McLister writes. MANDEL NGAN/AFP VIA GETTY

COMMENT

How the mortgage industry hit the jackpot this week

Trio of bullish announcements could awaken Canada's real estate market



ROBERT McLISTER
McLister on Mortgages

They say good news comes in threes. I don't know if that's true or if it's from the same school of science as astrology, but it happened this week with mortgages.

First, Ottawa announced a bombshell loosening of mortgage insurance rules. Second, inflation stunned economists by undershooting the two per cent target. Third, the U.S. Federal Reserve threw a party for the markets with a jumbo rate cut.

All of the above went down in the short span of 75 hours.

Here's a quick peek at how this trifecta of bullishness could awaken Canada's real estate market.

MORTGAGE INSURANCE EASING

Out of nowhere, the government decided that Canada's default insurance market needed stimulation. Starting Dec. 15, for those seeking insured mortgages, the government will allow:

A 50 per cent increase in the maximum allowable home value (i.e. $1.5 million instead of the $1 million it's been stuck at since 2012); 30-year amortizations for buyers of new builds; 30-year amortizations for all first-time buyers.

The first measure corrects the fact that value limits on insured homes haven't kept up with the 76 per cent surge in home values since the rule was instituted.

The second measure creates a more liquid pool of buyers for new homes, incentivizing the construction Canada desperately needs.

The third change levels the playing field for first-time buyers who don't have down payment assistance from their families.

All of these initiatives help put young voters into homes sooner. But far be it from me to be cynical and assume that desperately clinging to power by wooing disenfranchised homebuyers was in the government's playbook. I'm sure it was just a fluke that every housing policy-maker I've ever spoken to in the years leading up to this move was staunchly against such measures for fear of creating further imbalance in the housing market.

In any case, while one can debate the pros and cons of these policies, what's undeniable is that the mortgage and real estate industry just hit the jackpot.

Lenders relying on insured securitization to fund prime mortgages are especially grinning, including publicly traded companies First National Financial (TSX: FN) and MCAN Financial (TSX: MKP).

SURPRISE BELOW TARGET INFLATION

For months on end, the Bank of Canada has predicted that inflation would reach the two per cent target in late 2025. But on Tuesday, inflation unexpectedly slowed to just 1.95 per cent. That's more than three quarters ahead of schedule.

Suddenly, the Bank of Canada has more leeway to cut rates without fear of reinvigorating inflation. And that's precisely what it'll do, with markets pricing in 200 basis points of rate cuts within 24 months, according to forward rate data from Can Deal DNA.

Such a drop would drastically slash payments, increasing the appeal of home buying relative to renting. It would also trim borrower's debt-to-income ratios, making mortgage qualifying significantly easier. The resulting additional demand could mop up much of the inventory that's piled up since 2022.

THE FED'S MEGA RATE CUT

Nine out of 10 economists expected the U.S. Federal Reserve to trim rates just 25 bps on Wednesday. Despite the U.S. economy being in "good shape" (the Fed's words), the central bank instead decided on a supersized 50 bps cut. Clearly U.S. policy-makers worry the economy is more fragile than advertised.

A 50-basis-pointer theoretically lets the Bank of Canada cut more as well, since it doesn't have to worry about a widening U.S.-Canada rate differential tanking our currency. And both the Bank of Canada and the Fed will expedite rate cuts if they see unemployment accelerate, which I'd put at a better-than-even chance.

REAL ESTATE STIMULUS

Many of us in the housing analysis business thought falling rates would perk up real estate more than they have. But most wannabe borrowers either can't pass the government's stress test or can't rustle up the minimum down payment.

Moreover, history shows that the early days of rate cuts often fail to spark homebuying. It takes time for incomes to catch up, affordability to return, immigration to add demand, rising unemployment to simmer down and so on.

This week's trio of bullish mortgage events should give real estate a shot in the arm by the first quarter or before. As with all policy loosening, though, some buyers will try to jump the gun and beat the crowd — like racing to the buffet before it opens.

Adding to demand is slowly improving affordability. Real estate has been correcting sideways for two years. Lower prices and rising incomes have been quietly working magic behind the scenes. For instance, the typical home is now just 4.2 times gross income for dual-income households earning average weekly wages. That's down from a nosebleed 5.9 in February 2022.

Can home values go down before they go up? Theoretically, sure, but the lower prices go, the more opportunity buyers will have when values rebound. The gifts that the real estate market got this week will keep on giving throughout 2025.

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S&P/TSX	TSX VENTURE	DOW JONES	NASDAQ
23,866.27	582.72	42,025.19	18,013.98
+273.67	+6.51	+522.09	+440.68
+1.16%	+1.13%	+1.26%	+2.51%

NORTH AMERICAN INDEXES

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch	Vol 00s	Day high	Day low	52wk high	52wk low	Wk %ch	YTD %ch	52wk %ch
Capped Energy	267.24	+5.01	+1.9	544440	267.77	263.11	307.77	230.69	+3.6	+10.4	+0.5
Capped Materials	398.10	+6.09	+1.6	551.00	401.88	394.76	404.47	[illegible]	+1.9	[illegible]	+21.3
Global Mining	122.56	+2.71	+2.3	1663347	122.68	121.84	130.09	98.7	+3.0	+8.0	+14.9
Global Gold	372.92	+2.85	+0.8	[illegible]	376.25	369.91	384.3	2[illegible]	+0.5	[illegible]	+46.4
Capped Industrials	464.59	+4.98	[illegible]	[illegible]	46[illegible]	46[illegible]	[illegible]	373.77	na	+10.0	+14.0
Capped Consumer Disc	294.46	+3.45	+1.2	[illegible]	294.53	29[illegible]	294.53	248.42	+2.4	+7.8	[illegible]
Capped Consumer Stap	[illegible]	6.57	0.6	40[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	804.00	2.3	+1.76	[illegible]
Capped Health Care	27.52	+0.15	+0.5	206.7	27.82	27.2	28.40	[illegible]	+8.1	+16.0	+20.4
Capped Financials	450.88	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	450.94	446.55	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+26.0
Capped Info Tech	[illegible]	+6.19	+2.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+4.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Capped Telecom	166.14	0.37	0.2	[illegible]	[illegible]	165.70	[illegible]	144.60	0.6	3.7	0.5
Capped Utilities	[illegible]	2.21	0.7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.5	+8.6	[illegible]
Capped Real Estate	[illegible]	+1.86	+0.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+16.0
S&P/TSX Composite	23,866.27	+273.67	+1.2	2496528	23,909.53	23,729.40	23,909.53	18,692.06	+1.7	+13.9	+18.0
Capped Composite	27650.93	+317.06	+1.2	2496528	27700.94	27492.26	27700.94	21[illegible]	+1.7	+13.9	+18.0
TSX Unweighted	415.93	+4.95	[illegible]	[illegible]	n.a.	n.a.	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.3	[illegible]	+16.6
S&P TSX 60	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1430847	1434.77	1423.07	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
S&P TSX 60 Capped	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
S&P TSX Completion	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
S&P/TSX SmallCap	807.36	[illegible]	+1.3	[illegible]	80[illegible]	80[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.6	+15.0	[illegible]
Income Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Capped REIT	178.30	+0.55	+0.3	[illegible]	179.53	177.17	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.8	+10.7	[illegible]

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch	Day high	Day low	52wk high	52wk low	52wk %ch
FINANCIAL POST								
FPX Growth	7,164.92	+71.55	+1.0	n.a.	n.a.	7,164.92	5,806.98	+18.2
FPX Balanced	6,137.75	+43.11	+0.7	n.a.	n.a.	6,137.75	5,107.06	+16.0
FPX Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.4	n.a.	n.a.	[illegible]	4,464.22	+13.7
TSX VENTURE EXCHANGE								
Composite	582.72	+6.51	+1.1	584.04	580.33	623.85	506.65	+0.2
DOW JONES								
Industrials	42,025.19	+522.09	+1.3	[illegible]	41,832.09	[illegible]	32,327.20	+21.7
Transportation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+7.7
Utilities	[illegible]	7.67	0.7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+17.7
Composite	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13,505.28	[illegible]	13,505.28	10,564.68	[illegible]
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE								
Composite	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.2	19,471.24	19,195.56	19,471.24	14,638.37	+22.0
Energy	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12,539.06	-1.9
Financial	11,725.30	+137.48	+1.2	11,745.25	11,587.82	11,745.25	8,131.53	+29.3
Health Care	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NYSE MKT								
Composite	5,016.90	[illegible]	+2.3	[illegible]	[illegible]	5,336.11	4,332.72	[illegible]
Major Market	[illegible]	+17.14	+0.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,949.62	[illegible]
NASDAQ STOCK MARKET								
Composite	18,013.98	+440.68	+2.5	18,099.93	17,909.75	18,671.07	12,543.86	+31.7
Industrials	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Insurance	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+31.4
Banks	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Transportation	6,794.37	+163.00	+2.5	6,804.95	6,735.21	7,358.98	5,531.03	+11.8
Telecomms	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
100 index	19,839.83	+495.34	+2.6	19,951.79	19,723.94	20,690.97	14,058.33	+30.6
RUSSELL								
2000	[illegible]	+46.37	[illegible]	2,258.78	2,233.28	2,300.00	[illegible]	+23.3
STANDARD & POOR'S								
500 Composite	5,713.64	+95.38	+1.7	5,733.57	5,686.42	5,733.57	4,103.78	+28.6
Industrials	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Financials	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utilities	[illegible]	2.27	0.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+21.0
100 Stocks	2,746.95	+50.66	+1.9	2,757.76	2,733.17	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
VALUE LINE								
Arithmetic	10,984.35	[illegible]	+1.6	11,015.90	[illegible]	11,015.90	[illegible]	+19.7

INTERNATIONAL INDEXES

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch	52wk high	52wk low	Wk %ch
WORLD (MIDDAY)						
MSCI (US$)	3629.69	-10.81	-0.3	3659.44	2731.99	n.a.
AUSTRALIA						
All Ords	8417.00	+52.70	+0.6	8417.00	6960.20	+1.5
BRAZIL						
BRSP	133122.67	-625.02	-0.5	137343.96	112531.52	-0.7
BRITAIN						
FT Ords	2851.20	+25.30	+0.9	[illegible]	2498.90	+1.7
FTSE 100	8328.72	+75.04	+0.9	8445.80	7291.28	+1.1
FT 500	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.0
FT All Shr	[illegible]	+44.99	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.2
FT Eur Top	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4149.65	[illegible]	+1.7
CHINA						
Shenzhen	1497.00	+23.27	+1.6	1936.49	1433.10	+0.3
Shanghai	2736.02	+18.74	+0.7	3171.15	2702.19	+0.7
GERMANY						
DAX	19002.38	+290.89	+1.6	19002.38	14687.41	+2.6
HONG KONG						
Hang Seng	18013.16	[illegible]	+2.0	19636.22	[illegible]	+4.5
INDIA						
Sensex	83184.80	+236.57	+0.3	83184.80	[illegible]	+0.3
JAPAN						
Nikkei	37155.33	+775.16	[illegible]	42224.02	30526.88	+0.9
MEXICO						
Gen IPC	52868.72	+285.83	+0.5	58658.71	48166.92	+1.8
TAIWAN						
Weighted	22042.69	+363.85	[illegible]	24390.03	[illegible]	+1.8

MARKET DIARIES

	Volume 00s	Prev day 00s	Adv	Adv vol 00s	Dec	Dec vol 00s	Unch	Issues traded
TSX	4589699	4487083	1,408	3734056	456	[illegible]	209	2,073
TSX Venture	1258366	1239658	376	624847	289	[illegible]	363	[illegible]
NEO	221621	220743	1,182	116713	471	[illegible]	362	2,015
CSE	533709	502318	142	159416	102	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	10470004	9450414	2,201	7654861	605	[illegible]	62	2,868
NYSE MKT	207611	201261	188	150083	98	52562	14	300
NASDAQ	12877305	12215616	3,176	9769650	1,058	2907797	161	4,395

CURRENCIES

Currency	In $Cdn	Currency	In $Cdn	Currency	In $Cdn
Argentina peso	[illegible]	Hong Kong dollar	0.1738	Saudi Arabia riyal	[illegible]
Australia dollar	[illegible]	India rupee	0.0162	Singapore dollar	1.0486
Bahamas dollar	[illegible]	Japan yen	0.0095	South Africa rand	0.0775
Brazil real	[illegible]	S. Korea won	[illegible]	Sweden krona	0.1334
Chile peso	0.0015	Kuwait dinar	4.4439	Switzerland franc	1.5984
Chinese yuan	[illegible]	Mexico peso	[illegible]	Taiwan dollar	[illegible]
Czech koruna	0.0603	Norway krone	0.1293	Thailand baht	0.0409
Denmark krone	0.2027	Pakistan rupee	0.0049	Ukraine hryvna	[illegible]
Dominican peso	0.0225	Philippine peso	[illegible]	U.A.E. dirham	[illegible]
Egypt pound	0.0279	Poland zloty	0.3539	U.K. pound	1.8000
Euro	1.5122	Russia rouble	0.0147	U.S. dollar	1.3550

CANADIAN DOLLAR

US73.73¢

US0.15¢

COMMODITIES

NYMEX GAS

US$2.35

US6¢

GOLD

US$2,588.00

US$17.30

SILVER

US$31.09

US69¢

CRUDE OIL PRICING



WEST TEXAS INTERMEDIATE

US$72.76

US89¢

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TSX

MOST ACTIVE

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
TD Bank	[illegible]	87.32	+2.06
Cdn Natural Res	[illegible]	45.80	+1.08
[illegible] Energy Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.06
Bank of NS	64346	72.01	+0.55
CIBC	[illegible]	83.53	+0.69
Suncor Energy	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.77
Cenovus Energy	55838	23.35	+0.72
BtaProNGLevDyBu	[illegible]	2.66	+0.07
Manulife Finl	51363	39.17	+0.68
Shopify A	48442	106.74	+4.24

TOP % GAINERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Condor Energies	300	1.83	+10.2
Solaris Res	2554	3.49	+8.7
[illegible]	14	[illegible]	+8.6
[illegible]	785	2.29	+6.0
Champion Iron	5063	5.42	+7.5
[illegible] Res	3480	1.73	+7.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+7.3
Propel Hldgs	1350	30.15	+6.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+6.6
Ivanhoe Mines	32583	19.10	+6.5

TOP % LOSERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Crown Cap Ptnrs	21	[illegible]	22.5
[illegible]	244	[illegible]	11.7
Nickel Creek Pt	53	0.94	-10.5
Sangoma Tech	1195	7.76	7.8
[illegible]	209	[illegible]	6.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.7
Western Energy	76	2.70	6.3
[illegible]	1420	7.60	5.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	4.73	5.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	7.20	5.8

NASDAQ

TOP % GAINERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Garden Stage	92773	7.83	+248.0
Zeo Energy Corp	55444	2.60	[illegible]
Telesis Bio Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+76
Espewise Therap	[illegible]	[illegible]	+54.7
Resolve AI Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]	+47.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.42	+35.2
[illegible] Foods In	578	1.79	[illegible]
[illegible]	840	1.48	[illegible]
[illegible] Tech	4452	1.69	+24.3

TOP % LOSERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
[illegible] Hlth Tchn	[illegible]	0.80	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Therapeu	[illegible]	[illegible]	28.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glon Heaven Grp	806	3.06	-26.3
BloomZ	814	1.03	24.8
Dermata Therape	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Therapeut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Series Tech	729	[illegible]	20.8

NYSE

TOP % GAINERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Aspen Aerogels	[illegible]	[illegible]	+15.6
[illegible] PLC	[illegible]	4.70	[illegible]
[illegible] Holdin	2588	2.42	+14.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.19	+13.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	8.31	[illegible]
[illegible] Hldg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sable Offshore	[illegible]	[illegible]	+9.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	8.40	+9.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	2.88	+9.5
Aeva Technologi	[illegible]	[illegible]	+9.4

TOP % LOSERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Skechers USA	11830	61.56	-9.6
Surf Air Mobili	143	[illegible]	9.6
Hawaiian Elect	10046	[illegible]	9.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP Prudhoe Bay	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.8
[illegible] A	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.0
Steelcase	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
loanDepot A	2084	2.84	-5.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	11.52	5.2
Global Blue Gro	37	[illegible]	5.1

TSX VENTURE

TOP % GAINERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Armor Minerals	5	0.40	+25.0
Bantam Capital	6	0.50	+25.0
[illegible]	255	0.43	[illegible]
Stakeholder Gld	20	0.38	[illegible]
Southern Silver	[illegible]	[illegible]	+15.4
[illegible] Res	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coloured Ties C	[illegible]	0.28	[illegible]
[illegible] Metals I	[illegible]	0.72	[illegible]
[illegible] Nanotech	[illegible]	1.37	[illegible]
[illegible] Gold Cor	[illegible]	[illegible]	+13.3

TOP % LOSERS

	Vol 00s	Cls	Ch
Raitown Cap	250	0.41	-18.0
Rivalry	1010	0.26	16.1
Comet Lithium C	350	0.29	14.7
[illegible] Energy	[illegible]	0.225	[illegible]
[illegible]	1343	0.52	[illegible]
[illegible] Holdings	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	3306	[illegible]	10.6
[illegible]	53	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Technologi	1489	[illegible]	9.1
Blue Moon Metal	4243	0.25	-7.4

CALGARY 100

Calgary-based companies trading on the TSX.

OIL AND GAS

Advantage	9.79	+0.28
ARC Resources	[illegible]	+0.49
Athabasca	[illegible]	-0.01
Baytex Energy	4.26	+0.03
Birchcliff	5.60	+0.06
Bonterra Energy	3.79	+0.02
Canacol Energy	3.38	0.08
Cardinal Energy	6.45	+0.07
Cdn Natural	45.80	+1.08
Cenovus	23.35	+0.72
Crew Energy	6.79	+0.04
Gear Energy	0.60	+0.01
Gibson Energy	22.18	0.05
Gran Tierra	8.25	+0.21
Imperial Oil	[illegible]	+2.12
Kelt Exploration	6.35	+0.06
MEG Energy	25.66	+0.57
NuVista Energy	11.65	+0.16
Obsidian Energy	7.90	-0.04
Paramount	25.69	+0.33
Parex	12.12	+0.02
Peyto Explor	14.95	+0.20
Pine Cliff Energy	0.99	+0.02
Questerre	0.24	+0.02
Suncor Energy	51.13	+0.77
Surge	6.19	+0.02
Tamarack Valley Energy	4.16	+0.08
Touchstone Exploration	0.60	+0.04
Tourmaline	58.56	+0.71
Valeura Energy	4.60	+0.11
Vermilion	13.05	+0.08
Whitecap	10.45	+0.12
Yangarra Resources	1.07	+0.05

INDUSTRIALS

AltaGas	34.25	-0.72
ATCO	45.19	0.68
Akita Drilling	[illegible]	+0.08
Aralis Equity Partners	17.59	+0.14
Big Rock Brewery	1.20	unch
Black Diamond Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boardwalk REIT	88.21	-1.17
Calfrac Well	3.92	+0.06
Cdn Pacific	117.85	+0.74
Cdn Utilities	35.00	-0.34
CES Energy Solutions	7.54	+0.21
Comp Model	[illegible]	+0.16
DIRTT Environ	0.72	-0.01
Enbridge	54.82	0.36
Enerflex	7.86	+0.29
Ensign Energy	2.68	+0.02
Freehold Rylties	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gamehost	10.38	-0.12
Genesis Land Devel	4.13	+0.08
Gibson Energy	22.18	-0.05
High Arctic Energy Svcs	[illegible]	+0.02
Keyera	[illegible]	+0.14
Mainstreet Eqty	[illegible]	0.86
Maxim Power Corp	3.84	[illegible]
Mullen Group	14.55	+0.25
NXT Energy Solutions	0.25	unch
Olympia Financial Grp	[illegible]	1.67
Oncolytics Biotech	[illegible]	+0.01
Parkland Corp.	35.50	+0.15
Pason Systems	13.20	+0.19
Pembina Pipeline	54.74	+0.03
PHX Energy Services	9.51	+0.21
PrairieSky Royalty	27.92	+0.42
Precision Drilling	90.82	+2.15
Pulse Seismic	2.47	unch
Resverlogix Corp	0.065	unch
Secure Energy	[illegible]	+0.08
STEP Energy Services	3.89	+0.08
TC Energy Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tidewater Midstream	0.29	unch
Total Energy	9.25	+0.01
TransAlta	12.62	-0.03
Trican	4.90	+0.14
Western Energy Svcs	2.70	-0.18
Willow Biosciences	0.095	[illegible]

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BRENT 12-MONTH AVERAGE FUTURES/BBL



US$74.88

+1.67%

WTI 12-MONTH AVERAGE FUTURES/BBL





US$71.95

+1.47%

WESTERN CANADA SELECT/BBL



$na

0.00%

DIFFERENTIAL (WTI-WCS)/BBL



$na

0.00%

CANADIAN LIGHT SWEET OIL/BBL

$na

0.00%

GAS BENCHMARKS

DAILY SPOT HENRY HUB/MMBTU

US$2.35

+2.80%

DAILY SPOT AECO/MMBTU



CA$0.32

-27.27%



JAGR BEGINS 37TH PRO SEASON

Jaromir Jagr opened his 37th professional season on Wednesday night, hitting the ice with his hometown Kladno Knights in the Czech league. In what is expected to be his last season, the 52-year-old winger set up a power-play goal, the only one Kladno scored in a 5-1 loss at Pardubice. It was the first time Jagr had played a season's opener since the Calgary Flames released the NHL's second-highest points scorer in 2018.



He returned six years ago to Kladno, the team where he made his debut as a teenager and which he owns. He played at Pardubice despite not being fully fit due to a muscle injury that forced him to interrupt pre-season training for four weeks. Jagr said he needed more games to be back to his best. "That's fine, (it was) the first game," he told local media.

The Associated Press



Flames centre Nazem Kadri made it clear on Thursday he has no desire to leave Calgary. "I love the city, love the organization," Kadri said. DARREN MAKOWICHUK

Flames veterans say they want to stay in Calgary

Players believe young team is better than than the low expectations they're given

DANNY AUSTIN

"Pump the brakes."

It's a reasonable request from Nazem Kadri, really.

The Calgary Flames are rebuilding. Expectations are low for the coming season. The team's been dealing away veterans and getting younger for more than a year.

And that's led to inevitable questions about whether the team's remaining veterans might be open to moves elsewhere that would put them closer to contending for a Stanley Cup.

That would be understandable, wouldn't it? An NHL career is only so long. Go for the Cup while you've got the chance.

Except there's one problem with that assumption when it comes to the six veterans — MacKenzie Weegar, Nazem Kadri, Jonathan Huberdeau, Rasmus Andersson, Mikael Backlund and Blake Coleman — who we're talking about here.

Not a single one of them has given any indication they want out. In fact, they've all reiterated that Calgary is where they want to be.

"I love the city, love the organization," Kadri said Thursday morning at WinSport, where the Flames are holding the first two days of their 2024-25 training camp. "I feel like it's super early to be asking these kinds of questions, so I'm going to ask you guys to pump the brakes a little bit. Let us go play and we're going to try to rally around each other and surprise some people."

Again, totally reasonable.

The guys in the Flames locker-room believe they're a better team than people are giving them credit for. Expectations be damned, the Flames think they can get off to a hot start and carry that momentum forward.

There are some who would say that's wishful thinking and maybe it is, but what's the alternative? Accepting defeat before the first puck has even been dropped?

That's not how professional athletes are conditioned and that sort of loser mentality has no place in an NHL dressing room.

> *I feel the love from the fans and my teammates and the organization which makes me want to reciprocate that right back to them.*

But the Flames really do believe they're better than people expect them to be. Speaking with media on Thursday, they doubled down on wanting to be a part of what the organization is building.

Asked why he wanted to be in Calgary and playing for the Flames, Weegar didn't even pause for a second before giving a lengthy answer.

"There's a few different reasons," Weegar said. "They want me here, I feel the love from the fans and my teammates and the organization which makes me want to reciprocate that right back to them.

"I'm comfortable here, I live in a great community, great neighbours, I live a simple lifestyle here and get treated very well by everybody around here, but ultimately I have belief that this team can turn it around and become a playoff team and a Stanley Cup team, and that's why I want to stay here the most."

The Flames veterans dutifully answered the questions they were asked about being in Calgary and why they wanted to stay. They're understandably hoping reporters will move on as training camp progresses and the regular season gets closer and the focus begins to turn to actually winning and losing games.

And it's clear the Flames want and need them to be a part of what they're building at the Saddledome — not the new rink next door, the new era.

Young players need to learn from experienced, established veterans. They're an important part of the building process and it's worth noting, too, that the Flames signed Jake Bean, Anthony Mantha, Jarred Tinordi and Ryan Lomberg in free agency. That's actually made it harder for rising prospects like Jakob Pelletier and Matthew Coronato to crack the roster coming out of camp this year. Not everything has been about getting younger.

But it's those six veterans who will lay the foundation for what comes next. They aren't asking to be moved and the Flames aren't shopping them, either.

"I don't really know why that narrative is still there, that's probably more you guys than us," said Flames head coach Ryan Huska. "They are all very important players to our team, they're the ones setting the standard and when you have them pushing the right way it's easy for the young guys to follow suit, or you could say it's hard for them not to follow because then they'll get pushed aside if they're not doing things the way they need to be done."

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Slumping Stamps still have shot at playoffs

TODD SAELHOF

Some way, somehow, the slumping Calgary Stampeders — winless in their last five games and owners of just one win in the last seven contests — still have a shot at making the CFL playoffs.

"If we can get into the playoffs, that means we've created some momentum," said Stampeders ever-optimistic general manager/head coach Dave Dickenson, knowing his 4-8-1 crew needs to find winning form in its final five games of the regular season to have a chance at reaching the post-season. "But we haven't really been winning, so we can say all we want."

Indeed, it's only the winning that counts.

That's why the Stamps need anything positive to give them at least a little confidence.

"I loved the way that we practised (this week)," said Stamps quarterback Jake Maier. "I think we have a really positive outlook on how this season is going to play out for us. What are the outcomes going to be? We'll find out. But I really do like the headspace that the locker-room is in, and everybody really believes that we can still do this."

This, in particular, is digging themselves out from last place in the West Division and vaulting past the Edmonton Elks (5-8) and the Saskatchewan Roughriders (5-7-1) with just five games remaining for each of these teams.

Fortunately, they do control their own destiny with two games left against the Riders — owners of the West's third and final playoff spot and visitors Friday to McMahon Stadium (7:30 p.m., TSN, QR Calgary) — and one versus the Elks.

And neither the first-place Winnipeg Blue Bombers (7-6) nor the second place B.C. Lions (7-7) are free and clear yet in the tight post-season race.

"Yeah, it's crazy how the West is shaking up," said Stamps linebacker Micah Teitz, who signed with his hometown team after spending six previous seasons with the Riders. "It seems like since I've been in the CFL, the Calgary-Saskatchewan games are always very close and mean a lot at the end of the year."

That happened last year, with the Stamps pulling out a 26-19 victory in Week 19 in their leapfrog of the Riders to reach the playoffs, giving the red and white more reason to believe they can do the same this season.

"We kind of experienced that last year," said Maier, of needing late-season victories to make the post-season. "And I would say that I probably wouldn't believe that the difference between first place and fifth place would be that close."

Strange was how last Saturday's game went down in a 19-19 draw with the Montreal Alouettes.

All the mistakes aside in that tilt, the Stamps can take positives from the fact they played well on many fronts against the defending Grey Cup champions.

The running game, with workhorse Dedrick Mills back up to snuff, was big in the moment.

And Maier managed the game well enough to impress Dickenson a week after being benched for the Labour Day replay in Edmonton.

The return of offensive lineman Zack Williams from a multi-week calf injury to the roster has Maier and company more upbeat, to boot.

SHORT YARDAGE: OL Bryce Bell (calf) remains out ... Defensively, DB Bentlee Sanders (hamstring), the Stamps' starting safety, returns to the lineup Friday, while DL Josiah Coatney (knee), the team's starting right defensive tackle, is a game-time decision ... Also in is WR Rysen John ... Stamps sitting out after playing last game are WR Cole Tucker, OL Kyle Saxelid, DL Charles Wiley and LB Darius Williams.

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Homan rink's hot start continues dominance

Team striving to be consistent rather than improving on last year

GREGORY STRONG



The Rachel Homan curling team of Tracy Fleury, left, Sarah Wilkes, Emma Miskew and Homan has been one of the top women's rinks in the world over the last decade, and had a dominant season last year. *CP FILES*

As one of the top women's rinks in the world over the last decade, expectations are usually quite high for the members of Team Rachel Homan.

The season after one of the most dominant campaigns in curling history is no exception.

Homan, Tracy Fleury, Emma Miskew and Sarah Wilkes remain the top-ranked team in the world after going 67-7 in 2023-24 and claiming national and world championships.

"We're not looking to have to surpass what we did last year in order to have a successful season," Miskew said. "We're trying to build off all of the work that we put in and try to be as consistent as we can out there.

"That's all that we can really control. We're going to try our best and that's all we can do."

The Ottawa-based team picked up where it left off last weekend by running the table at the AMJ Campbell Shorty Jenkins Classic.

Homan's side, guided by new coach Brendan Bottcher, completed an 8-0 performance with a 6-5 final victory over second-ranked Silvana Tirinzoni of Switzerland at the Cornwall Curling Club.

The squad outscored its opposition 51-23 overall.

Bottcher, who split with his four-player men's team last spring, is playing mixed doubles with Homan this season. He succeeded Don Bartlett as coach of Homan's four-player team and is off to a perfect start.

"He's got just a wealth of knowledge in strategy," Homan said. "Obviously he was No. 1 or 2 in the world on the men's side and that's pretty tough to do. He's got a few things that he thinks can help us.

"We're trying to find a few percentage points here and there. He's just such a positive person and just really great to be around."

The team will return to the ice as defending champions at the Sept. 25-29 PointsBet Invitational in Calgary.

Bartlett decided to step back from his coaching role and do some travelling this winter. Bottcher is expected to be on the coach's bench at most events this season.

Homan and Bottcher are off to a good start on the mixed doubles front. They won a competition earlier this month in Saskatoon and plan to play several events this fall as they aim to secure a berth in the Canadian Mixed Doubles Trials.

Five teams, including reigning national champions Kadriana Lott and Colton Lott, have qualified for the Dec. 30-Jan. 4 playdowns in Liverpool, N.S. The winner will represent Canada at the Milan Olympics in February 2026.

Direct-entry qualifying events are set for Oct. 31-Nov. 3 in Abbotsford, B.C., Nov. 21-24 in Guelph, Ont., and Dec. 5-8 in Banff/Canmore, Alta. National rankings will then be used to complete the 16-team field.

The previous mixed doubles trials were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Curling Canada named Homan and John Morris as the Canadian duo for the Beijing Games in 2022, but they did not make the playoffs.

Morris won gold with Kaitlyn Lawes when the discipline made its Olympic debut at the 2018 Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

BIG SMOKE

The Grand Slam of Curling will hold its season-ending Princess Auto Players' Championship at its usual Toronto venue after all.

The circuit's five-event calendar will conclude April 8-13 at the Mattamy Athletic Centre, according to the tour's website.

The Players' Championship dates and arena were marked as TBA earlier this month.

COACH HOWARD

Glenn Howard will remain as busy as ever on the curling scene even though he ended his four-decade playing career at the end of last season.

Howard will serve as coach of Team Chelsea Carey and Team Scott Howard for the upcoming campaign.

Carey, from Winnipeg, holds the No. 5 position in the women's world rankings. Howard, from Tiny, Ont., has the No. 31 spot in the men's rankings.

The Canadian Press



Blue Jays shortstop Bo Bichette's return from a stubborn calf sprain this week lasted just one game. A fractured right middle finger puts him on the shelf for the remainder of the season and raises still more questions about his future with the organization. SAM HODDE/GETTY IMAGES

Bichette's brutal season ends with hand injury

Shortstop faces an uncertain future thanks to career-low offensive numbers

FRANK ZICARELLI

TORONTO Bo Bichette's season took yet another turn for the worse in the hours leading up to Thursday afternoon's series finale against the host Texas Rangers.

Everyone knew something was amiss when Bichette was sporting a splint on his right middle finger mere hours after the Blue Jays announced their star-crossed starting shortstop was scratched from Wednesday's lineup because of what was ruled as a contusion.

Turns out Bichette has a fracture.

In other words, his long-awaited return from a calf strain lasted all of one game when Bichette failed to get a ball out of the infield in five at-bats, recording two infield hits, while striking out once and driving in one run in Toronto's lopsided loss to the Rangers Tuesday night.

And now Bichette's season is officially over, putting an end to a thoroughly miserable campaign, one plagued by injury and marred by underperformance.

"When it happened, he still continued to hit and finish his defensive work and it was bothering him. He was frustrated," Blue Jays manager John Schneider said. "I do think he's in a pretty good place in terms of perspective and things like that. He was obviously frustrated, but knowing that something positive will come out of this."

Schneider said Bichette would see a hand specialist, but expects that the shortstop will be able to have a normal off-season and be ready for spring training.

Bichette, who made his big league debut in 2019, hit a career-low .225 with four homers and 31 RBIs in 81 games this season.

Bichette is under team control for only one additional season.

He'll now enter an off-season during which Bichette will either be extended beyond 2025, if such a deal can get engineered, or perhaps even traded, which does not seem likely given his disappointing 2024 season.

There's also the scenario in which the Jays rehabilitate Bichette to his former elite status and see what they can extract when next year's MLB trade deadline arrives.

Either way, there's a definite cloud hovering over Bichette.

In the past few days, Daulton Varsho (rotator cuff) and Will Wagner (knee) were each shut down for the balance of the season, which has nine games remaining following Thursday's matinee.

The Jays, whom many viewed as legitimate contenders in the AL East, got off to an aborted start way back in spring training when pitchers experienced arm issues.

During the course of the season, the team's closer, Jordan Romano, was lost, the team's one-time ace Alek Manoah was lost, not to mention all the many lost games.

The Jays entered their series finale at Globe Life Field with a 72-80 record after dropping the opener 13-8, followed by a 2-0 setback.

The Jays were able to call up Jonatan Clase following Bichette's season-ending injury.

Clase is an intriguing prospect because he provides a speed element that has sorely been lacking.

The athletic Clase was acquired from Seattle as part of the deal that sent Yimi Garcia to the Mariners in the days leading up to the July 30 deadline.

The 22-year-old appeared in 19 games for the Mariners this season, but has spent the majority of his time at triple-A, either in Seattle's system or with the Buffalo Bisons.

A year ago, the New York Yankees were knocked out of playoff contention with a week to go in the regular season, ending a string of six straight post-season appearances.

Remembering what that was like made wrapping up a playoff berth with more than a week left this time around feel that much better.

"We've been through a lot already this year," manager Aaron Boone said.

"We understand it's just a first step — but it's an important one. We're in the dance."

After spending last year sitting at home when the post-season arrived, the Yankees secured their place in the 2024 playoffs with a 2-1 win over the Seattle Mariners in 10 innings Wednesday night.

Nestor Cortes, who pitched six shutout innings, said this Yankees team is using the sting of last season as motivation heading into October.

"Last year, we were out of the playoffs. Sour feeling for us," Cortes said as New York players drenched each other in beer and bubbly during a jubilant clubhouse celebration.

"Coming into spring training, we had one goal, and that's to make the playoffs, and we're here. Obviously, the ultimate goal for every team is to be in the World Series and win the World Series. But as of right now, we're going to enjoy this moment."

> (Bichette) was obviously frustrated, but knowing that something positive will come out of this.

Entering Thursday, New York has the best record in the American League at 89-63 and leads second-place Baltimore by five games in the AL East with 10 to play. The latest victory ensured the Yankees at least a wild card.

It's the 59th post-season appearance in franchise history, but the Yankees are still trying to end a World Series drought that dates to 2009, when New York celebrated its 27th title.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
z-New York	89	64	.582	—	z-Cleveland	89	65	.578	—	Houston	82	70	.539	—
Baltimore	85	68	.556	4	Kansas City	82	71	.536	6.5	Seattle	78	75	.510	4.5
Boston	76	77	.497	13	Detroit	80	73	.523	8.5	Texas	73	80	.477	9.5
Tampa Bay	75	78	.490	14	Minnesota	80	73	.523	8.5	Oakland	67	86	.438	15.5
Toronto	73	80	.477	16	Chicago	36	117	.235	52.5	Los Angeles	62	90	.408	20

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	91	62	.595	—	x-Milwaukee	88	65	.575	—	Los Angeles	91	62	.595	—
New York	85	68	.556	6	Chicago	77	75	.507	10.5	San Diego	87	66	.569	4
Atlanta	83	70	.542	8	St. Louis	77	76	.503	11	Arizona	85	68	.556	6
Washington	68	84	.447	22.5	Cincinnati	74	80	.481	14.5	San Francisco	74	79	.484	17
Miami	56	97	.366	35	Pittsburgh	72	81	.471	16	Colorado	59	94	.386	32

x—clinched division; z—clinched playoff berth

CFL

East	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
x-Montreal	13	10	2	1	351	288	21
Ottawa	13	8	4	1	335	347	17
Toronto	13	7	6	0	364	342	14
Hamilton	13	4	9	0	347	409	8
West	**G**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**F**	**A**	**P**
Winnipeg	13	7	6	0	295	274	14
British Columbia	14	7	7	0	352	350	14
Saskatchewan	13	5	7	1	333	330	11
Edmonton	13	5	8	0	385	342	10
Calgary	13	4	8	1	301	381	9

x—clinched playoff berth; Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for a tie.

Week 16
Bye: British Columbia

Friday's games
Hamilton at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
Montreal at Ottawa, 1 p.m.
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 5 p.m.

Week 18
Bye: Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto

Friday, Oct. 4
Winnipeg at Hamilton, 5 p.m.
Calgary at British Columbia, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5
Saskatchewan at Edmonton, 5 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	65	38	Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	31	16
Miami	1	1	0	.500	30	48	Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	35	46
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	43	49	Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	43	53
New England	1	1	0	.500	36	33	Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	35	42
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**	**West**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	48	40	Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	53	45
Indpolis	0	2	0	.000	37	45	L.A. Chargers	2	0	0	1.000	48	13
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	30	38	Las Vegas	1	1	0	.500	36	45
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	34	48	Denver	0	2	0	.000	26	39

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	52	61	Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	51	23
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	55	51	Chicago	1	1	0	.500	37	36
Washington	1	1	0	.500	41	55	Detroit	1	1	0	.500	42	40
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	24	49	Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	45	44
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**	**West**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	91	29	Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	49	40
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	57	36	Arizona	1	1	0	.500	69	44
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	32	39	San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	49	42
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	13	73	L.A. Rams	0	2	0	.000	30	67

IN BRIEF

Goalie Lehner fails to report to Golden Knights

Goalie Robin Lehner failed to report to the Vegas Golden Knights, forcing the club to weigh its options regarding a player who has not played in more than two years because of a hip injury.

Lehner underwent hip surgery in August 2022 and was placed on long-term injured reserve. Club management has not said much about Lehner's status since then, and there was little talk of him possibly playing this season.

But Lehner was required to undergo a medical check-up to remain on LTIR, which allows the Golden Knights to not count him against their salary cap while at the same time making sure the player receives his salary.

Lehner is in the final year of his contract and is due US$4.4 million in salary. If he does not report and the team terminates his contract, Lehner's $5-million cap hit, which would have been part of long-term injured reserve, would come off the books.

"He continues to be unfit to play," Golden Knights GM Kelly McCrimmon said in a news conference Thursday. "There are unique circumstances surrounding the situation that the NHL, the NHLPA (Players Association) and the club are currently working through. Collectively, we are assessing our next steps and when we have more to say, we will. There'll be nothing further until then."

New York Rangers defenceman Jacob Trouba said Thursday "there's no animosity" toward the organization following an off-season in which his name was prominently mentioned in trade rumours.

"It's part of the business of hockey," Trouba said following the first day of training camp for the reigning Presidents' Trophy-winning Rangers.

According to reports, Rangers president and GM Chris Drury had negotiated a trade that would send New York's captain to Detroit in late June. The trade fell apart, however, when Trouba submitted his 15-team no-trade list to the Rangers on June 30 and included the Red Wings on it.

"Obviously, had the no-move that turned into the partial no-trade," said Trouba, whom New York acquired in a trade with Winnipeg in June 2019 and signed to a seven-year, $56 million contract one month later. "That's life, contracts, hockey business, whatever you want to call it.

"I knew that was coming that summer. It's not by surprise. It was obviously something that was negotiated at the time."

Freehold Raceway in New Jersey, the oldest horse racing track in the U.S., is shutting down at the end of the year.

Track officials made the announcement on Thursday after a meeting with employees.

Horse racing has been conducted at the half-mile track in central New Jersey since the 1830s.

Harness racing became the staple at the raceway in the 1850s.

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A RECORD FOR LOW FUEL USAGE

Add another record to the OG hypermiler's resumé. Wayne Gerdes drove a new Toyota Prius LE from Los Angeles City Hall to New York City's city hall — a distance of 5,168.7 kilometres — and posted a ridiculous average of 2.5 L/100 km that claimed the Guinness Book of World Records title for lowest fuel consumption driving from the west coast of the United States to the east coast. That translates to more than 1,600 km on each tank of fuel. Gerdes coined the term "hypermiling" two decades ago and describes it as "always beating the EPA ratings in whatever car you own and drive." *Driving.ca*


2024 Toyota Prius *TOYOTA*


Historian and author Ray Djuff of Calgary with a red bus at Glacier Park Lodge. He's written the definitive history of the iconic White Model 706 buses that have served the park. *RAY DJUFF*

THE 'RENOWNED RED BUSES' OF WATERTON PARK

Built in the 1930s to serve the tourist trade, extensive refurbishing has kept fleet rolling



GREG WILLIAMS

Working as a bartender at Waterton Park's famous Prince of Wales hotel in the 1970s, Ray Djuff found his customers asked plenty of questions while sipping beverages at the bar. "They'd ask about the hotel, they'd ask if it was always this windy, and they'd ask about the red buses serving the Prince of Wales at that time," Djuff says from his Calgary home. "Fifty years later, I've still not gotten all the answers."

Early on, Djuff learned very little had been written to document the history of Waterton National Park in southwestern Alberta and Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana. He was curious about the chalets and hotels in the parks. Importantly, he was just as curious about the motor vehicles used to ferry tourists and sightseers around what were Great Northern Railway's properties in the parks, starting in 1914. Of all the vehicles ever employed the most iconic are the White Motor Company Model 706 red buses that have been in use in Glacier since 1936.

"If they (the parks, hotels and buses) were mentioned in books, it was summarized and mentioned only in passing," Djuff explains, so to fuel his curiosity he began researching both the parks and the buses, acquiring hours of first-hand interviews and boxes of documentation. Armed with this archival material, he's written and published several books — and co-authored more with Chris Morrison — all about the parks.

Recently, he turned his attention to documenting the history of the White Motor Company Model 706 buses that continue to ply the roads in Glacier National Park. The result is his newest book, Glacier's Reds: The Quest to Save the Park's Historic Buses. They are lumbering and seemingly old, but as prized a sight as any grizzly bear or mountain goat in Glacier National Park, Montana," Djuff writes of "the park's renowned red buses."

Djuff, a retired newspaper reporter and editor, introduces readers to the men essentially responsible for creating the park's early transportation system. They were Roe Emery, Walter White and Howard Hays. "Hays, more than anyone," Djuff writes, "is the unheralded figure behind the red buses. He helped in their design, brought them to Glacier and established procedures related to the buses that are still followed today."

When Going-to-the-Sun Road first opened in 1933, it was Hays who pushed for new buses to take advantage of the increased tourist trade. Several manufacturers were invited to tender, including Ford, GM, REO and White. Guidelines had to be met, with stipulations on weight, number of passenger seats and style of roof — fully convertible or "open top with fixed windows," Djuff notes. He says Hays, "wanted to ensure passengers got the best view of Going-to-the-Sun Highway."

The White Model 706 chassis was selected with a 318 cubic-inch in-line six-cylinder engine coupled with a four-speed manual transmission with unsynchronized gears. For the body, which would be mated to the White chassis, a design by Streamline Moderne adherent Count Alexis de Sakhnoffsky of Bender Body Co. was selected. Built from hand-formed aluminum, no two bus bodies are identical. The first buses arrived at the park in 1936, with most of the rest delivered in 1937. Four more arrived in 1938, and the last one in '39 for a total of 35. They were an immediate success and the young men who drove them, known as "gearjammers," were proud to pilot them.

"The buses wouldn't be the beloved cultural artifacts they are without the drivers, gearjammers," Djuff says. "Hired for their personalities, that really comes through in the tour talks they provide — insightful with a witty, personal bent."

Over the decades, the red buses have been threatened with replacement but were never retired. However, after being retrofitted in 1989-90 with new Ford engines and transmissions, serious structural and safety issues later emerged in the original White frames. As a result, in 1999, the entire fleet was pulled from service. It was former gearjammer Leroy Lott who contacted Djuff and asked him to write the history of the red buses.

"(Lott) did not want to see the buses retired, he wanted to see them restored," Djuff explains. "I wrote a 20- or 30-page monograph that appeared in Motor Coach Age, and it helped increase awareness of the situation. There was a period of uncertainty about the buses until Ford agreed to help."

Ford provided some funding and worked with vehicle specialist ACI Carron, Inc. of Michigan, to rebuild test bus No. 98 with an F-450 chassis underpinning it. That was a success, but all remaining buses, including No. 98, were restored with an E-350 chassis (lower ride height) and dual-fuel 5.4-litre V-8 engines and automatic transmissions. The red buses returned to the Park's roads by 2003. In 2019, another retrofit program incorporating Ford parts began at Legacy Classic Trucks of Driggs, Idaho. New E-350 frames and new gasoline-only engines were included, as were wheels, tires and dashboards designed to look more age-appropriate for the 1930s buses. As of 2024, about one-third of the fleet has been upgraded.

Djuff's insightful Glacier's Reds is available from Amazon.ca. It's been well-received, he says, and it's filled with history and little-known details about Glacier Park and its buses.

"I've had lifelong residents of the Park tell me they learned things they didn't know about, and that was my goal."

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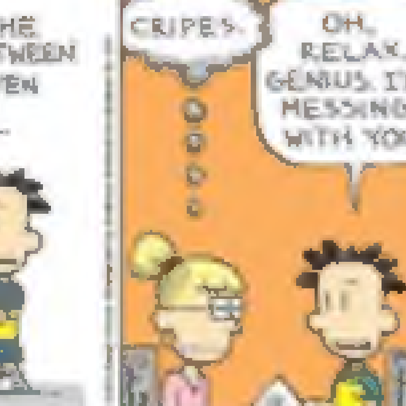
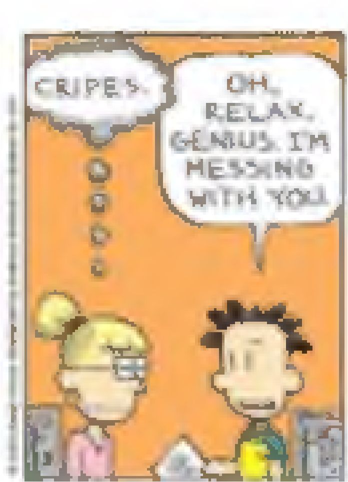


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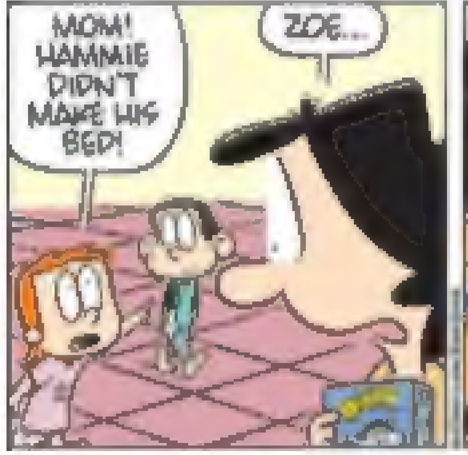




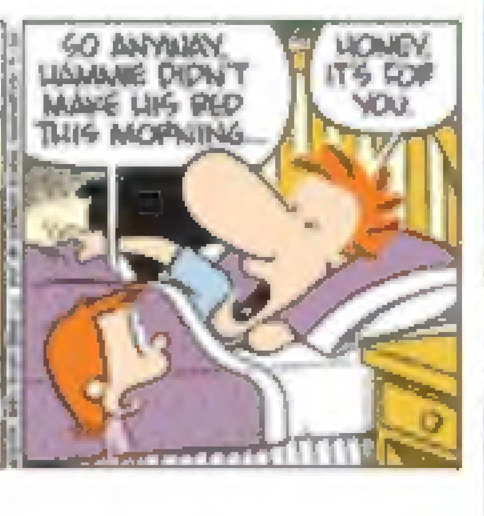




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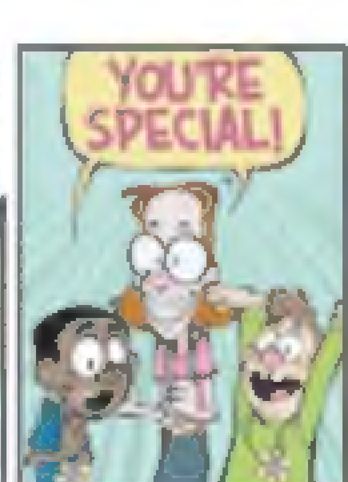






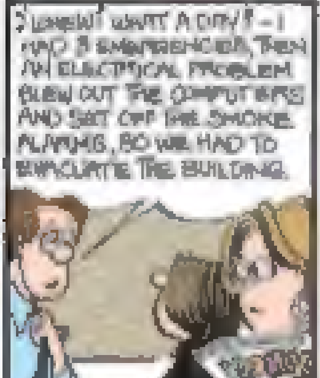
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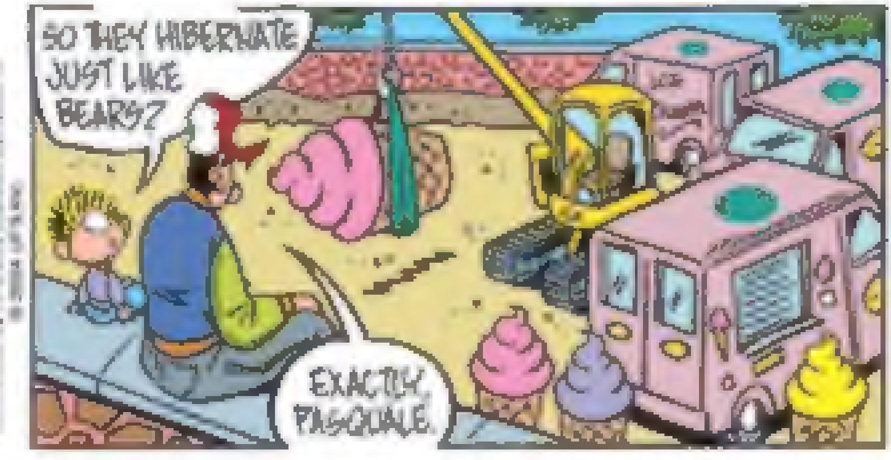






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THE ARGYLE SWEATER



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"I can't see you anymore – but I will have to bill you if you still wish to see me."

LOOSE PARTS

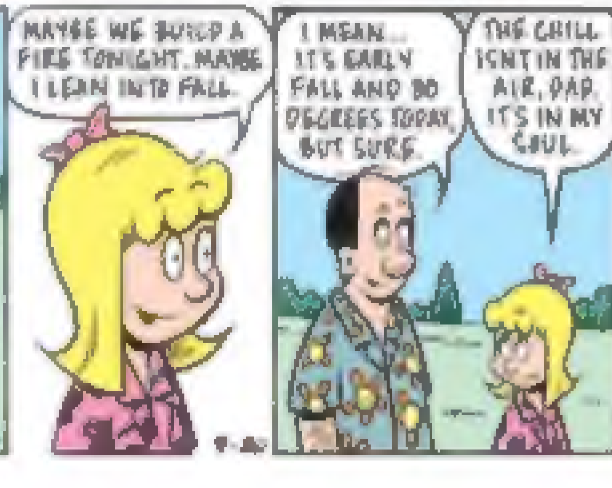
SNAKE PARTIES

We have to cut Pete off. He's been hitting on Cathy's sweater for over an hour now.

ADAM@HOME



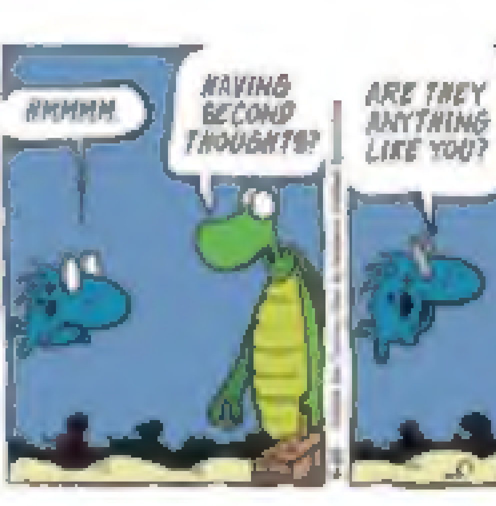




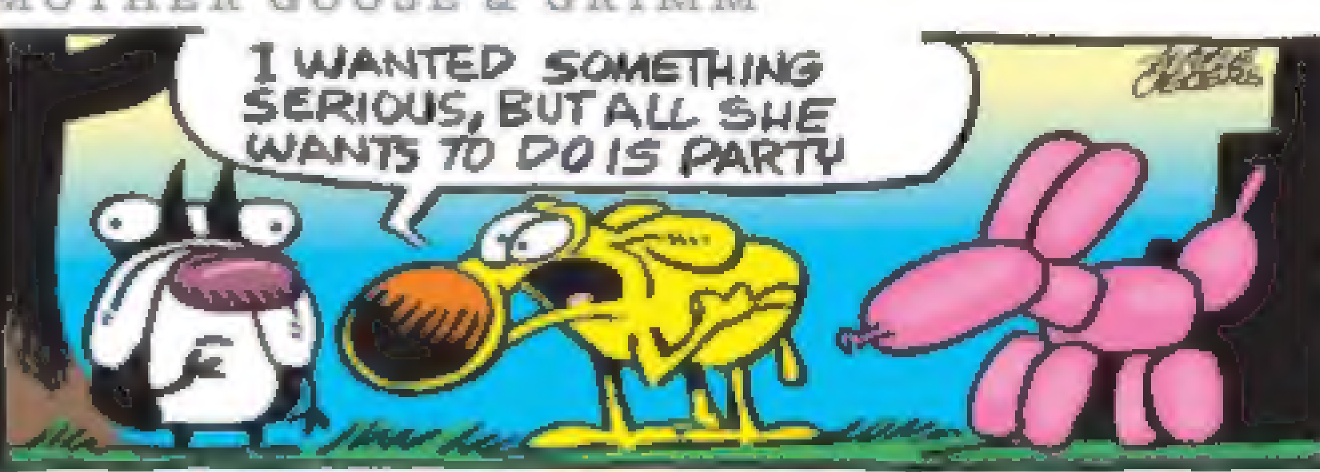
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